



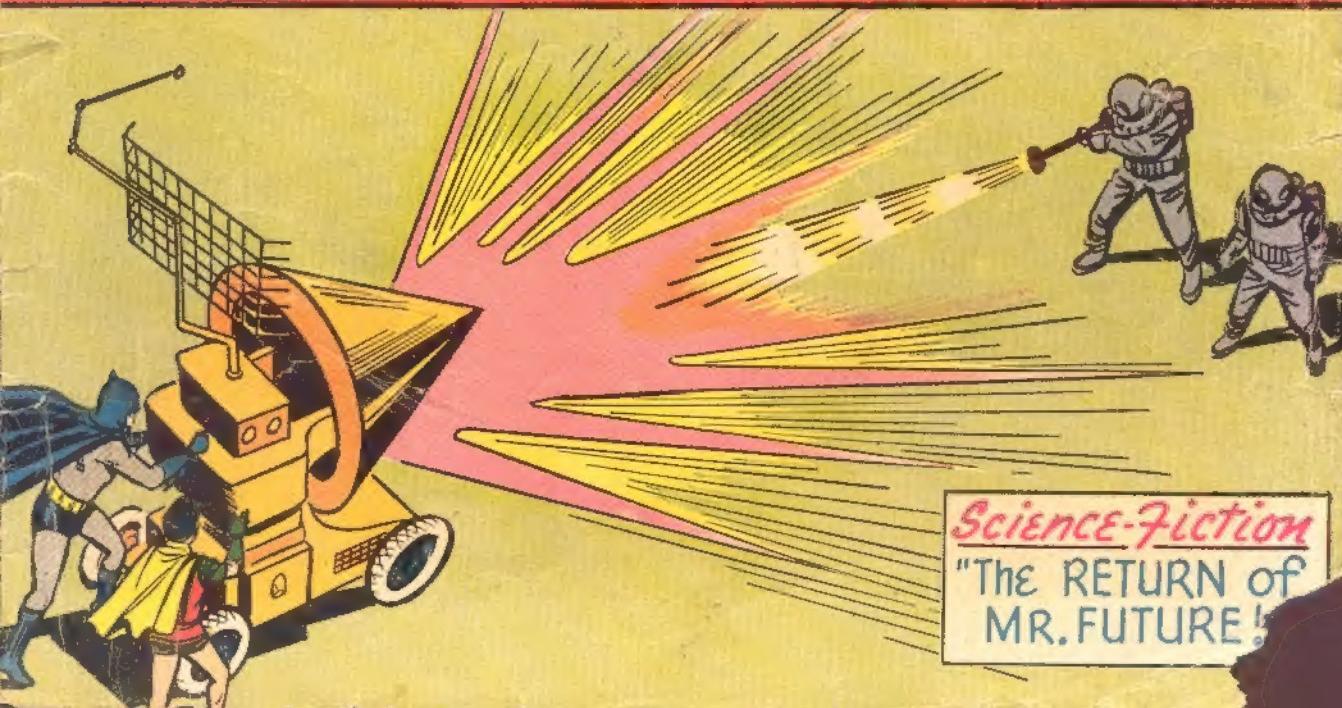
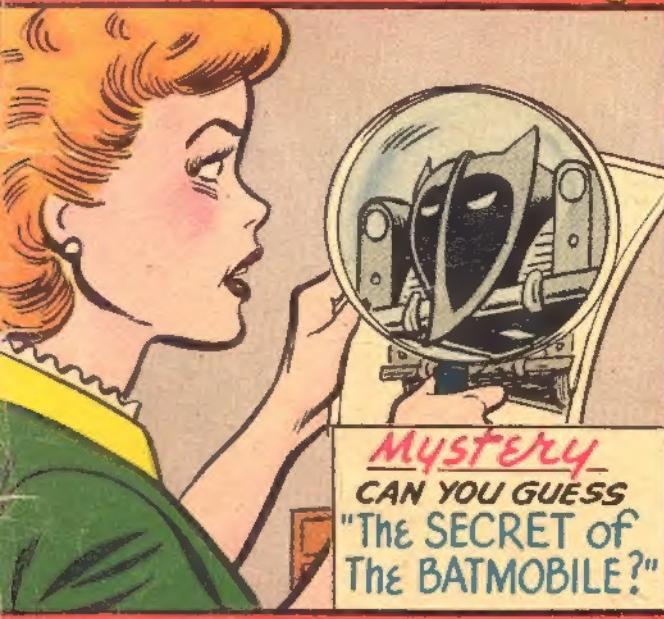
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BAT-MAN

Three Exciting Batman Cases!



Now, GET ALL THESE
Buddy YOU 5 PICTURE-PACKED
COURSES

FREE if you
mail
NOW
coupon
as I did!

HOW in 10 Minutes of Fun a Day

Look at
CLEVELAND'S
HEROIC
CHEST
NOW!

1

- HOW TO MOLD A **MIGHTY CHEST**

May be
LAST CHANCE
before \$1
price goes
back!

Cleve-
land
BEFORE
→

← NOW

JIM NORMAN
◀ before
NOW ▶
I gained
1000% in
HE-MAN LOOKS
POPULARITY and
STRENGTH

Like
We
Did

2

I gained **70 lbs. of MIGHTY MUSCLE**

Won a BIG SILVER TROPHY
and made the football team.
I was a 90 lb. Skeleton before,
says Cleveland.

I changed myself from
this ANEMIC SHRIMP →
to this MUSCULAR HE-MAN

I added 6 inches
to each ARM
10 inches to my CHEST
says Ken Grimm.

I GAINED
53 lbs.
OF SHAPELY
POWER-

PACKED
MUSCLES

I Was a
Skinny,
Scared,
Girl-Shy
Skeleton.
Now My
Body is
the Best
in the
Neighborhood. Pal
—Do as I
Did—Mail
The Coupon
Below.

AFTER
R. HIRSCH
BEFORE →

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HOW TO MOLD A **MIGHTY BACK**

4

HOW TO MOLD— **MIGHTY LEGS**

HOW TO MOLD A **MIGHTY GRIP** BY GEORGE F. JOWETT

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NOW—YOU MAIL
COUPON and GET
ALL 5 COURSES

FREE

Millions were
sold at \$1.

PLUS BIG
PHOTO BOOK

of
STRONG MEN
which also tells
how to
WIN TROPHY
and \$100!

LAST CHANCE—ALL FREE COUPON

1. FIVE COURSES 2. MUSCLE METER
3. PHOTO BOOK of STRONG MEN

Jowett Courses
presented by
World for
Building
All-Around
HE-MEN
— R. F. Kellor
Physical
Director

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

ZONE _____ STATE _____

MAIL NOW! SAVES YOU YEARS and DOLLARS!

MAIL COUPON IN TIME FOR **FREE** OFFER AND PRIZES!

LOOK
at ME and
MY PALS!

What a
pitiful lot of
SKINNY
WRECKS like YOU
We were BEFORE
We mailed coupon!
Yes, PAL—NOW

YOU MAIL THE
COUPON
BELOW

and Get a NEW
HE-MAN BODY
for Your OLD
SKELETON FRAME!

YOU CAN WIN
\$100.00
AND A BIG 15"
TALL SILVER CUP
LIKE WE
DID!



NO! Friend
you don't
have to be SKINNY,
WEAK or FLABBY any
more—just mail the
FREE coupon below as I
did! But DO IT NOW—
This may be YOUR LAST
CHANCE!

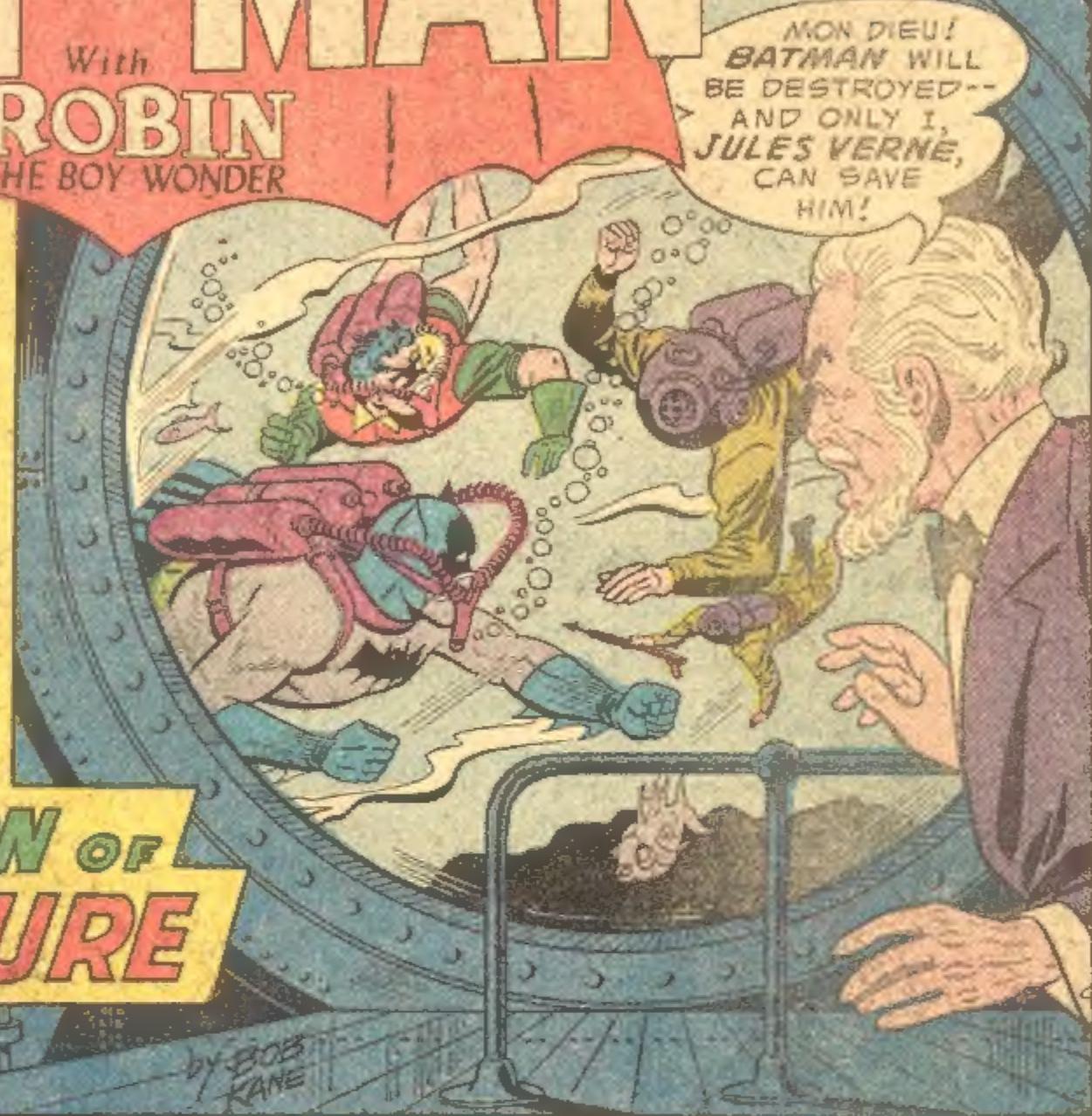
BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

OUT OF THE PAST, TO HELP BATMAN AND ROBIN IN THEIR BATTLE AGAINST A TERRIBLE DANGER, COMES THE MAN WHO PREDICTED IT WOULD HAPPEN! AND FROM THAT MAN'S FAMED IMAGINATION COMES THE STRANGE INVENTION THAT CAN SAVE THE WORLD FROM A WOULD-BE DICTATOR! YES, ASTOUNDING BUT TRUE, THE ENTIRE COURSE OF HISTORY DEPENDS ON...

THE RETURN OF MR. FUTURE

BY BOB KANE



WITH THEIR FRIEND, PROFESSOR NICHOLS, WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, GO TO SUNNY ISLAND FOR AN EXHIBIT HONORING THE GREAT AUTHOR-- JULES VERNE...

VERNE

MEMORIAL EXHIBITION

THIS EXHIBITION HAS WORKING MODELS OF SOME OF THE INVENTIONS VERNE PREDICTED IN HIS BOOKS, DICK!

WHAT AN IMAGINATION HE MUST'VE HAD, BRUCE!

WHY, WAY BACK IN 1850, HE WAS WRITING ABOUT A ROCKET TO THE MOON!

YES, WHEN VERNE WAS ALIVE, THERE WERE NO MOVIES, NO PLANES, NO RADIO, NO TV, NOT EVEN CARS... YET HE FORESAW THEM ALL.. EVEN ATOMIC POWER!

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BATMAN

HERE'S THE NAUTILUS--
THE SUBMARINE HE
PREDICTED IN HIS
BOOK, 20,000
LEAGUES UNDER
THE SEA!

THIS MODEL
ACTUALLY WORKS,
DICK! THOUGH BUILT
TO HALF-SCALE, IT'S
EXACT IN EVERY
DETAIL!

IN ONE OF HIS LAST
BOOKS, CLIPPER
OF THE CLOUDS,
HE PREDICTED THIS--
A COMBINATION AUTO,
SUBMARINE AND
HELICOPTER!

HIS BRILLIANT
MIND WAS YEARS
AHEAD OF ITS
TIME!

HALF-SCALE MODEL - NAUTILUS

WHY IS THAT
CYLINDER
BEING GUARDED,
PROFESSOR?

BECAUSE IT
HOLDS VERNE'S
GREATEST
PREDICTION!

LOCKED WITHIN
IT IS A BLUEPRINT
FOR A MACHINE
OF DESTRUCTION!

VERNE ORDERED
THE BLUEPRINT
SEALED AWAY FOR
500 YEARS, BECAUSE
EVEN HE WAS AFRAID
OF ITS TERRIBLE
POWER!

INTRIGUED BY THE MYSTERY CYLINDER,
THE TRIO DOES NOT NOTICE MENACING
FIGURES RISING FROM THE WATERS
BELOW...

VERNE REALIZED THAT
A CRIMINAL COULD RULE THE WORLD
IF HE HAD SUCH A WEAPON!

EXHIBIT
BUILDING
8>



SUDDENLY... STAND RIGHT WHERE
YOU ARE! DON'T GIVE US ANY
TROUBLE AND THE PROFESSOR
WON'T GET HURT!



I'VE
GOT
WHAT WE
COME AFTER!
LET'S GO!





BATMAN



RETURNING HOME, BRUCE AND DICK SWIFTLY CHANGE TO A PAIR OF COLORFUL COSTUMES...

THE ONE SURE WAY TO FIND OUT WHAT INVENTION BLUEPRINT IS IN THAT CYLINDER -- IS TO ASK THE INVENTOR HIMSELF!

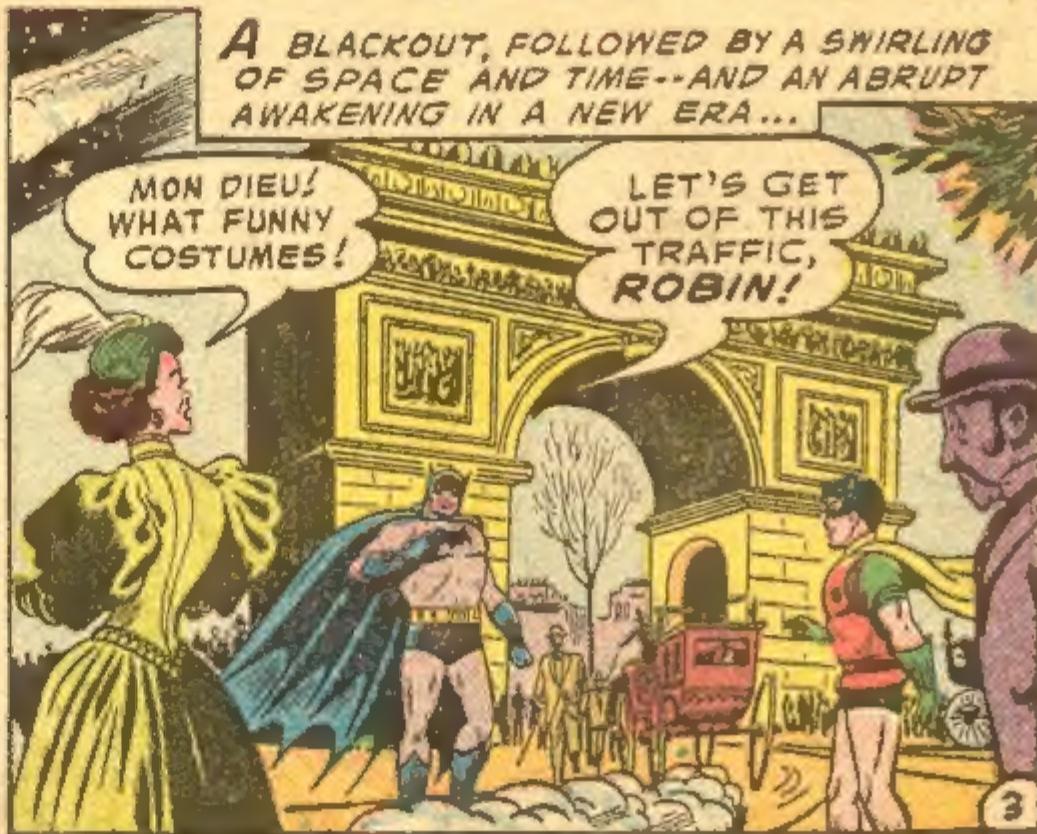
THUS, INTO PROFESSOR NICHOLS' LABORATORY COME TWO SURPRISE VISITORS...

BATMAN AND ROBIN! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

ER... OUR FRIEND BRUCE WAYNE TOLD US ABOUT THAT ROBBERY -- AND ABOUT YOUR POWER TO SEND PEOPLE INTO THE PAST! WE WANT YOU TO SEND US TO VERNE'S ERA -- SO WE CAN LEARN ABOUT THAT SECRET INVENTION!

VERY WELL -- SIT OVER THERE! I'LL SEND YOU BACK, BUT REMEMBER THIS... IN EXACTLY THREE HOURS, YOU'LL BE RETURNED TO THIS ROOM!

THAT SHOULD BE ALL THE TIME WE NEED!



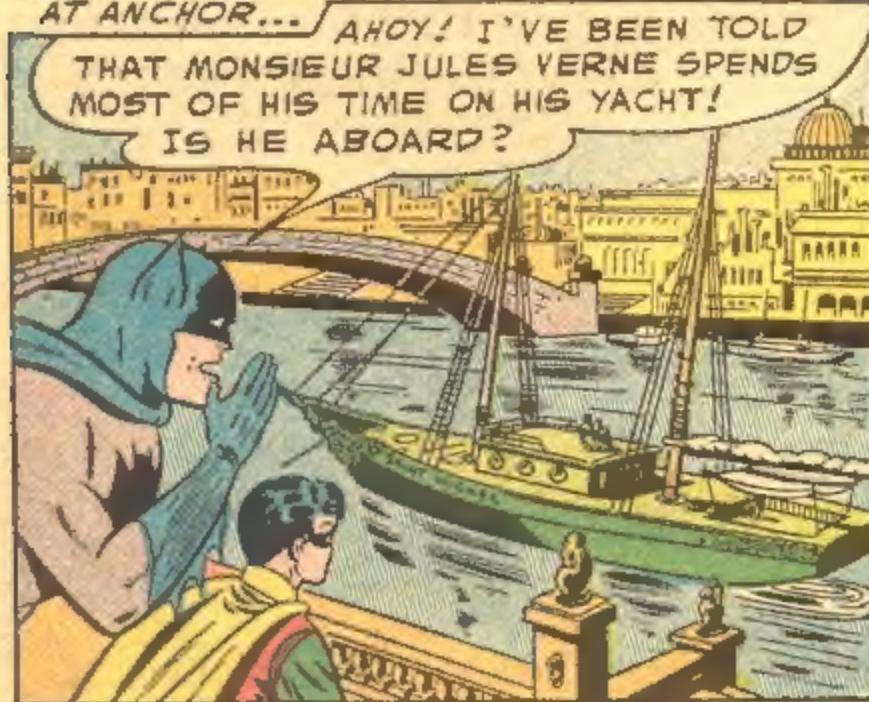


BATMAN



URGENTLY, THEY HURRY TO THE FAMOUS RIVER SEINE, WHERE A CRAFT LIES AT ANCHOR...

AHOY! I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT MONSIEUR JULES VERNE SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME ON HIS YACHT! IS HE ABOARD?



HE IS, INDEED!
I AM JULES
VERNE!



HURRIEDLY, BATMAN AND ROBIN EXPLAIN THEIR MISSION-- BUT THE GREAT AUTHOR IS SKEPTICAL...

EH BIEN... I AM WRITING A NEW BOOK-- CLIPPER OF THE CLOUDS-- AND AM JUST ABOUT TO PREDICT A NEW INVENTION! IF YOU ARE MEN FROM TOMORROW, SURELY YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT THAT INVENTION IS!

A TEST?
VERY WELL...

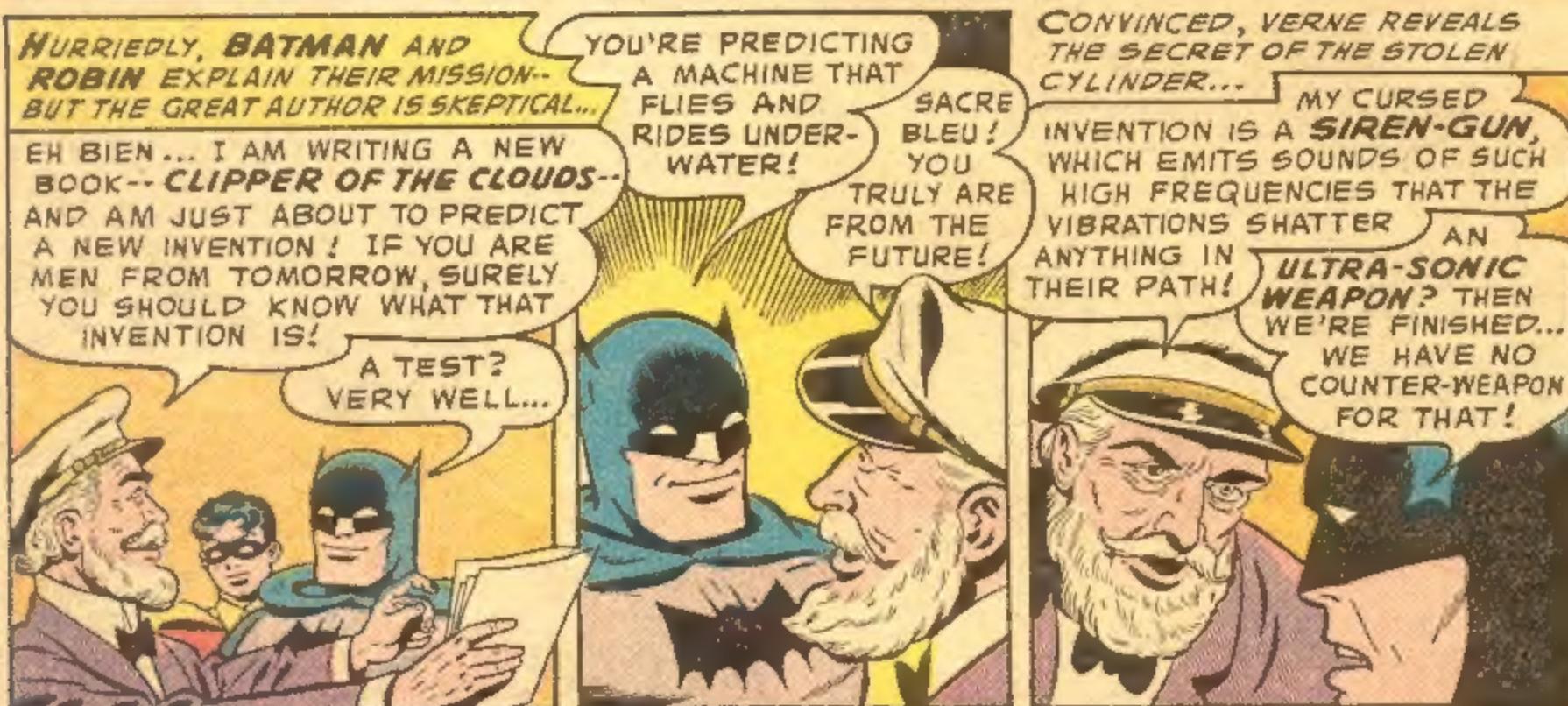
YOU'RE PREDICTING A MACHINE THAT FLIES AND RIDES UNDER-WATER!

SACRE
BLEU!
YOU
TRULY ARE
FROM THE
FUTURE!

CONVINCED, VERNE REVEALS THE SECRET OF THE STOLEN CYLINDER...

MY CURSED INVENTION IS A SIREN-GUN, WHICH EMITS SOUNDS OF SUCH HIGH FREQUENCIES THAT THE VIBRATIONS SHATTER ANYTHING IN THEIR PATH!

ULTRA-SONIC WEAPON? THEN WE'RE FINISHED... WE HAVE NO COUNTER-WEAPON FOR THAT!



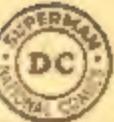
WAIT! ONLY YESTERDAY I THOUGHT OF ONE-- BUT I HAVE NOT PERFECTED IT YET! I WILL DIAGRAM IT FOR YOU!

BATMAN, THERE'S NO TIME LEFT! IN EXACTLY TWO MINUTES, THE TIME MACHINE WILL SWEEP US BACK TO 1956!

MONSIEUR VERNE, YOU MUST COME WITH US TO THE FUTURE-- SO WE CAN BUILD YOUR COUNTER-WEAPON! WILL YOU DO IT?

THE FUTURE? WITH MY OWN EYES, I WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE WORLD OF TOMORROW THAT I HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT? OF COURSE I WILL COME!





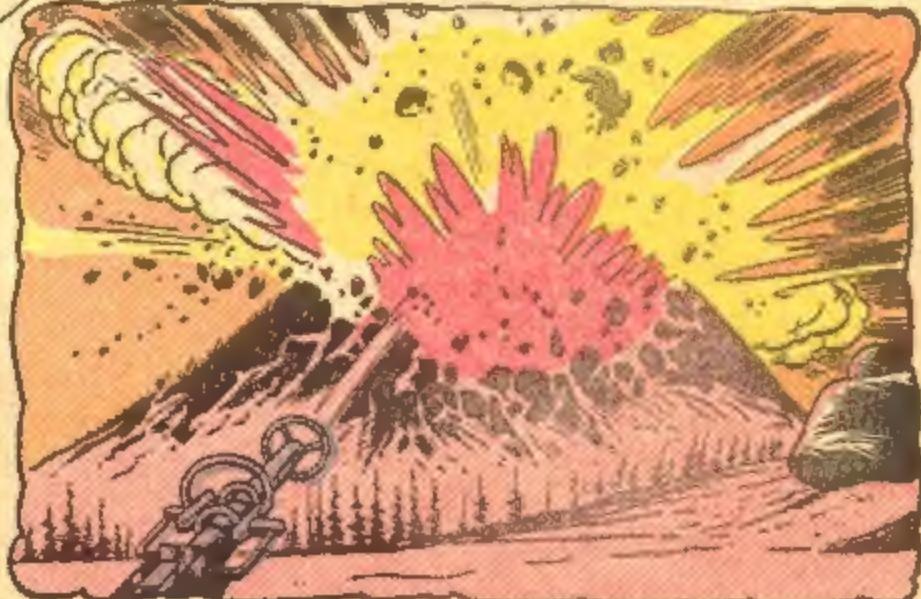
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AND SO IT IS THAT JULES VERNE JOURNEYS
INTO THE ATOMIC AGE...

PROFESSOR,
MONSIEUR
VERNE HAS
COME TO
HELP US!

SIR... AND YOU'VE COME NONE
TOO SOON! THE BANDIT CHIEF,
A MAN NAMED SIMAK, HAS
SUCCEEDED IN BUILDING
YOUR WEAPON!

"HE DEMONSTRATED ITS POWER BY
BLASTING THE PEAK FROM MOUNT
BLARE... AND NOW HE THREATENS
TO BLAST GOTHAM CITY, UNLESS HE'S
PAID \$10,000,000 AT ONCE!"



QUICKLY,
MONSIEUR
VERNE --
WHAT IS
YOUR
COUNTER-
WEAPON?

I CALL IT A **REFLECTO-BEAM**! IT CONSISTS
OF AN ELECTRICAL
DEVICE THAT AIDS
THIS CONE AT EACH
ATTACKING SOUND
RAY AND REFLECTS
IT!

BUT ALAS... THERE
IS NO SUBSTANCE
THAT REFLECTS
SOUND SO PERFECTLY--
NO ELECTRICAL
DEVICE TO AIM
THE CONE SO
ACCURATELY!

BUT
THERE
IS!
IN
OUR
WORLD,
WE CALL
THEM
PLASTIC
AND **RADAR**!

WHAT ABOUT
SIMAK'S
THREAT...?
HIS WEAPON
IS ALREADY
BUILT!
WE'VE GOT
TO STALL SIMAK
SOMEHOW--
TO GIVE US
ENOUGH TIME
TO CONSTRUCT
THE **REFLECTO-BEAM**! I HAVE
AN IDEA!

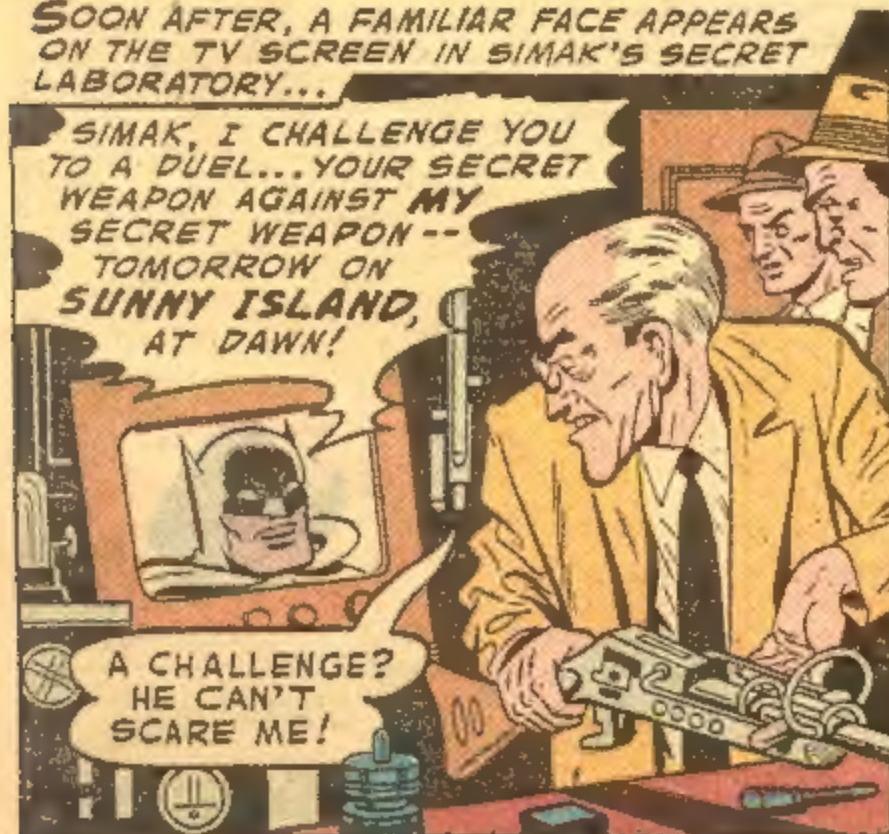


SOON AFTER, A FAMILIAR FACE APPEARS
ON THE TV SCREEN IN SIMAK'S SECRET
LABORATORY...

SIMAK, I CHALLENGE YOU
TO A DUEL... YOUR SECRET
WEAPON AGAINST MY
SECRET WEAPON--
TOMORROW ON
SUNNY ISLAND,
AT DAWN!

A CHALLENGE?
HE CAN'T
SCARE ME!

CALL THE STATION! TELL
BATMAN I ACCEPT
HIS CHALLENGE... AND
TELL HIM TOMORROW
WILL BE HIS LAST
DAY ON EARTH!





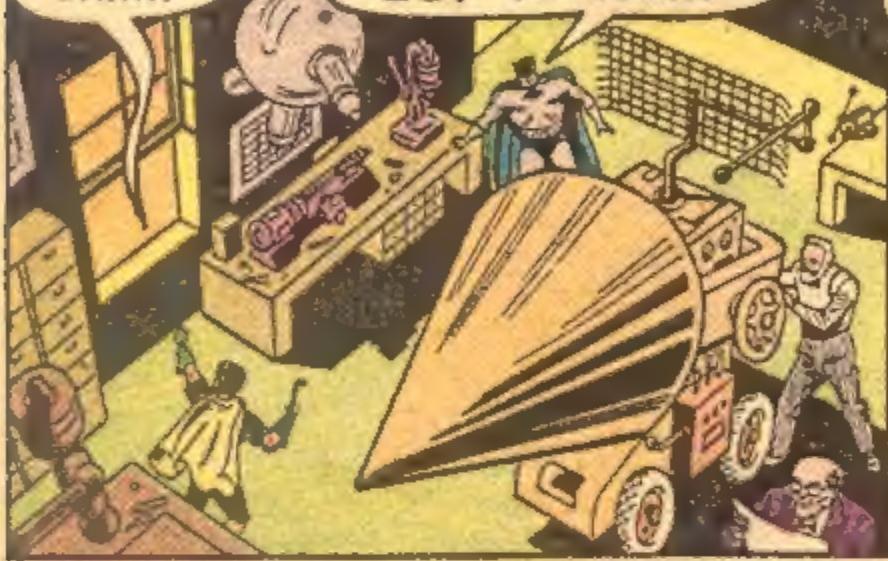
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SO THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, FOUR MEN WORK FEVERISHLY ON A WEAPON THAT WILL SAVE MANKIND FROM DESTRUCTION...

LOOK! THE SUN... IT'S DAWN!

AND THE MACHINE IS COMPLETED! LET'S HOPE IT WORKS... IT'S GOT TO WORK!



SOON AFTER, AT SUNNY ISLAND, THE DUELISTS AND THEIR BIZARRE WEAPONS CONFRONT ONE ANOTHER...

THAT CRAZY-

MON DIEU!
THERE IT IS...
MY TERRIBLE
INVENTION!

LOOKING GADGET OF
YOURS WON'T STOP THE
SONIC-GUN! YOU'RE
THROUGH, BATMAN!



BUT BATMAN MANEUVERS SWIFTLY--AND THE SONIC-GUN'S FIRST VIBRATIONS SHATTER THE WRONG TARGET...

WHWEE! THAT TREE--
IT JUST DISAPPEARED!

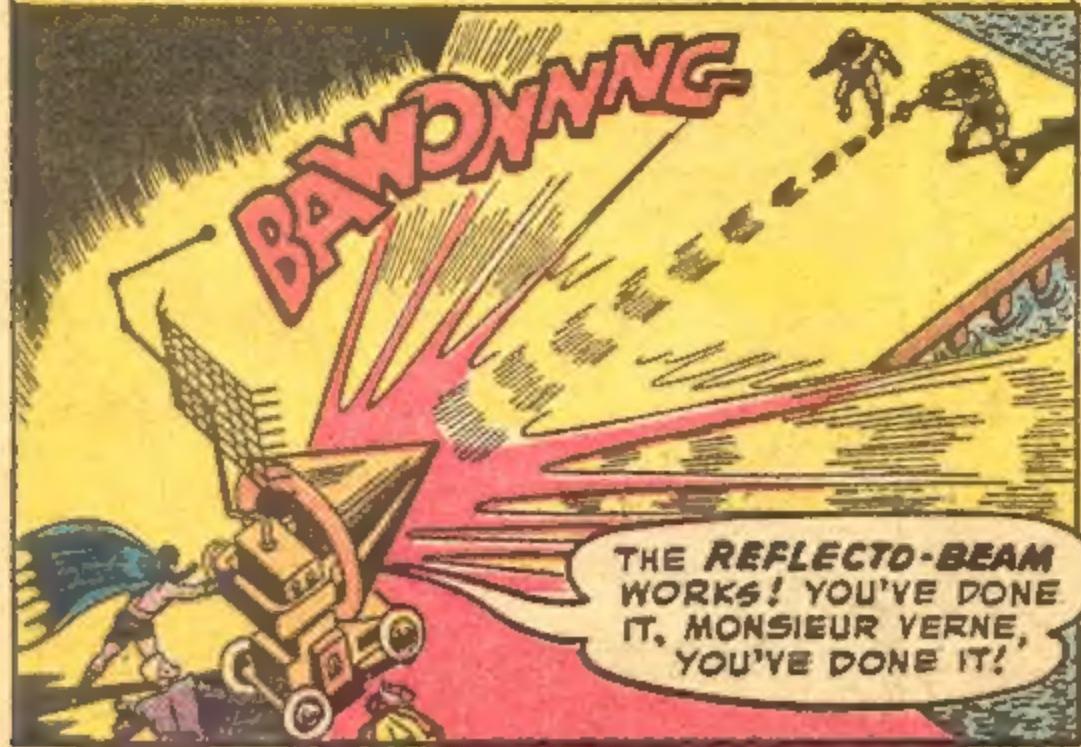
THE RADAR
IS HUMMING!
NOW, MONSIEUR
VERNE, WE'LL
SEE WHAT
YOUR COUNTER-
WEAPON CAN
DO!



THIS TIME THE SONIC-GUN'S VIBRATION RAYS REACH THEIR TARGET--ONLY TO BE DEFLECTED BY THE CONE!

BAWONNNNG

THE REFLECTO-BEAM
WORKS! YOU'VE DONE
IT, MONSIEUR VERNE,
YOU'VE DONE IT!



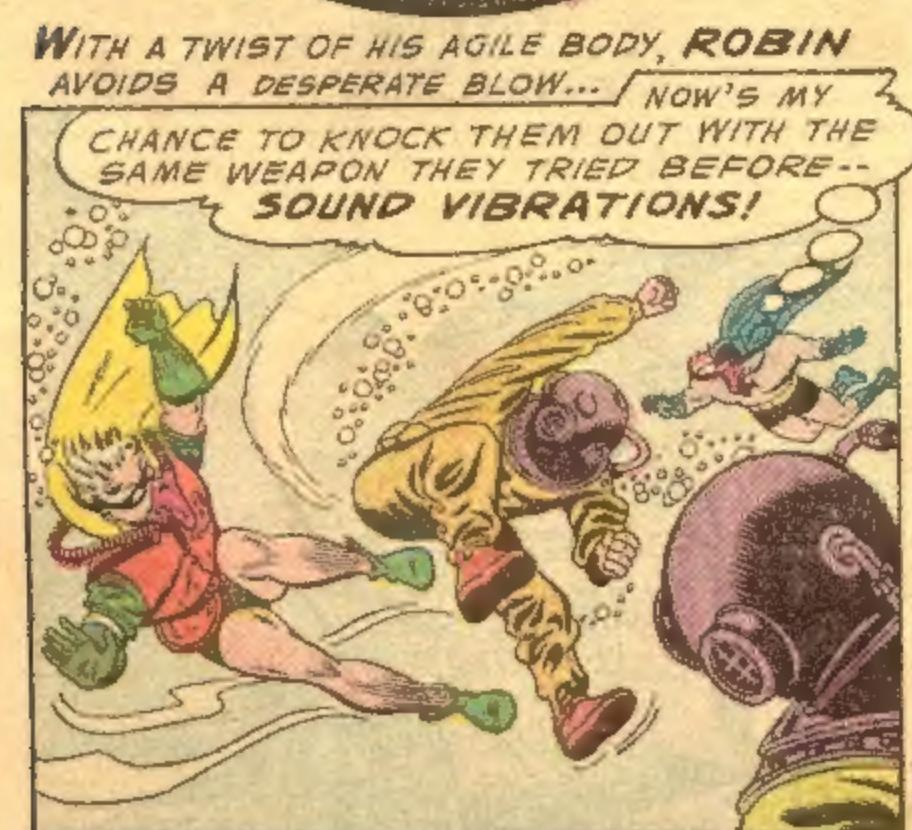
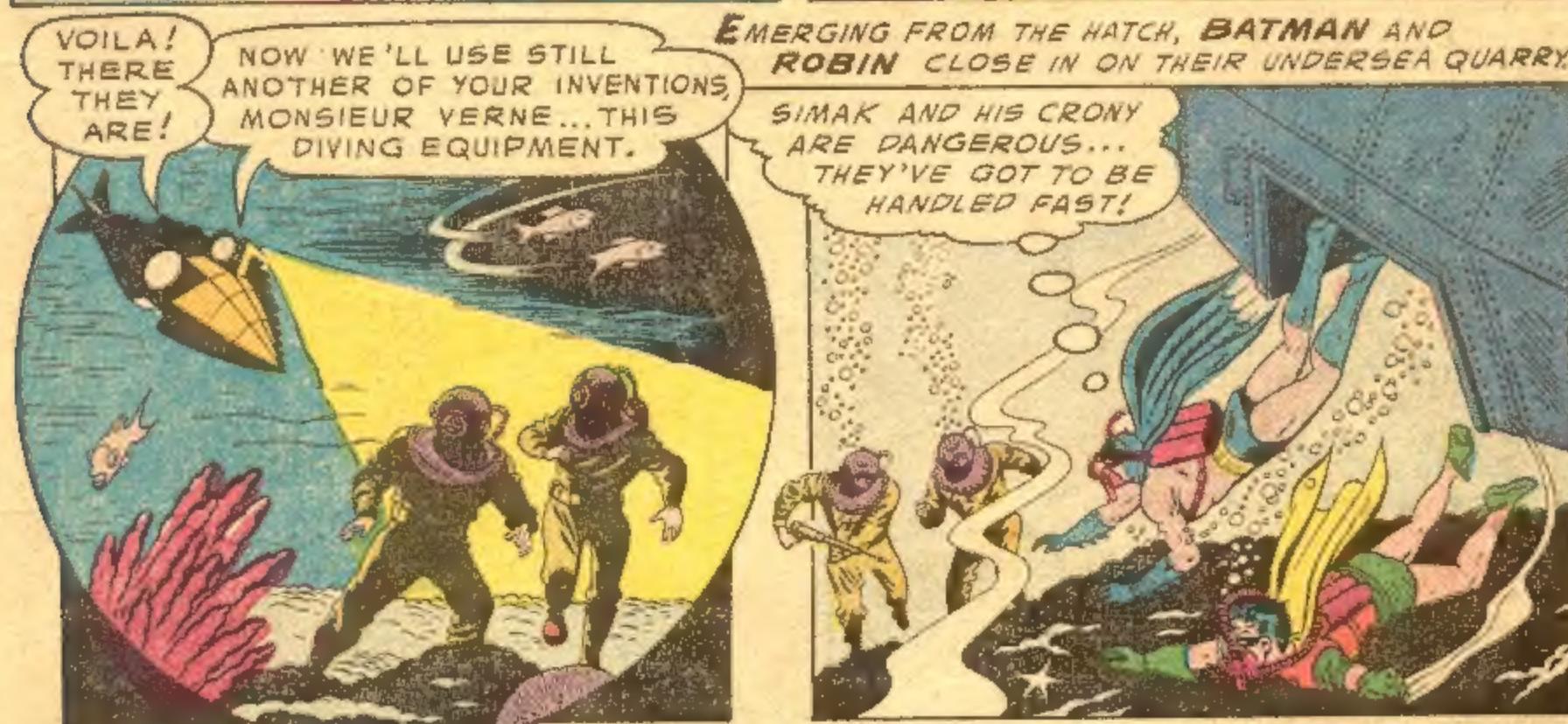
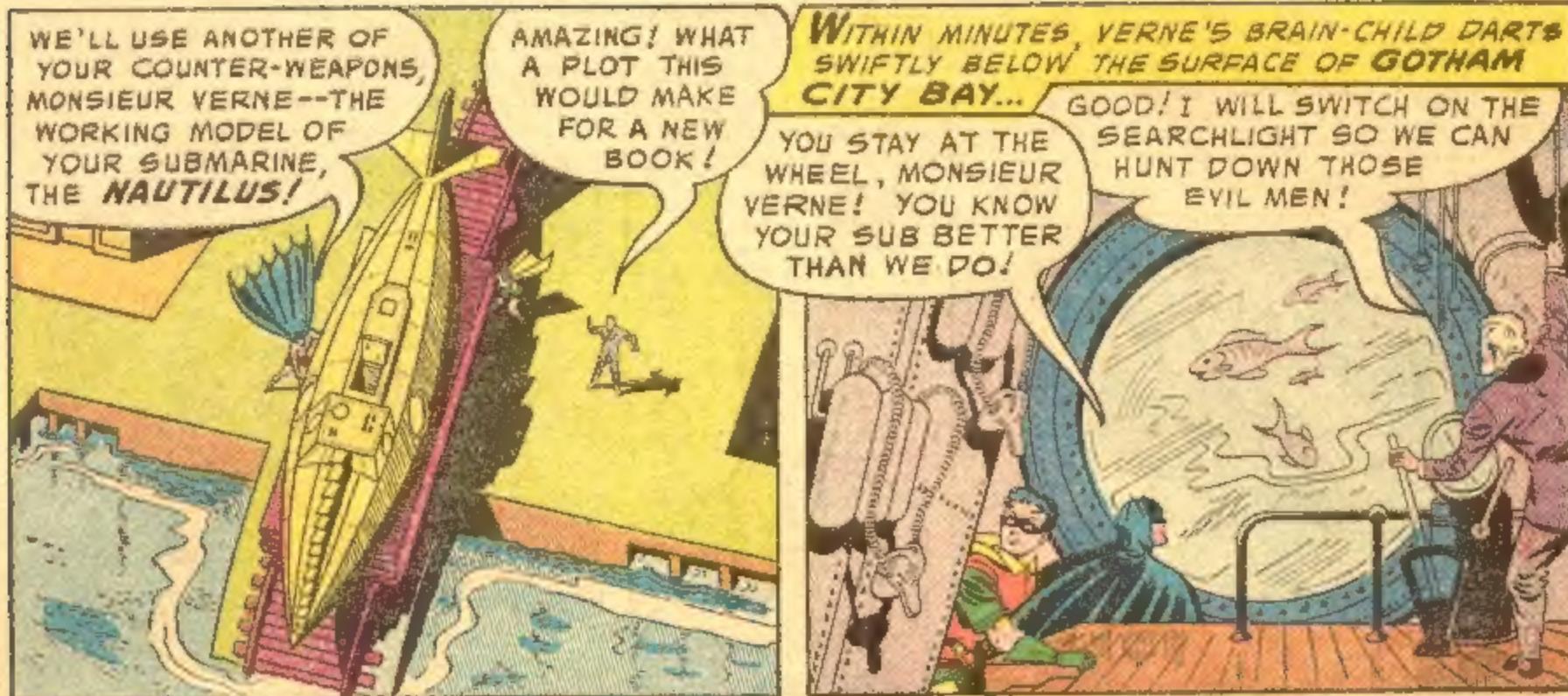
REALIZING THEY'VE MET THEIR MATCH, THE CRIMINALS MAKE A BREAK...

THEY'RE TRYING TO GET AWAY UNDERWATER, LIKE LAST TIME!





BATMAN



BATMAN

A WHILE LATER, POLICE ON SHORE
WITNESS AN ASTONISHING SIGHT...

HOLY
COW!...
LOOK!

AS YOU SEE, MY FRIENDS,
THE NAUTILUS HAS
RETURNED--VICTORIOUS!

BUT WITH THE
BANDITS TURNED
OVER TO THE LAW,
JULES VERNE IS
RELUCTANT TO
RETURN TO HIS
OWN ERA...

I CANNOT LEAVE YET--
NOT WITHOUT KNOWING
HOW MANY OF MY
PREDICTIONS
HAVE COME
TRUE!

YOU'LL
SEE FOR
YOURSELF!
LET'S GO!

AND SO, ONE AFTER ANOTHER, JULES
VERNE SEES THE HIGHLIGHTS OF
THE MODERN DAY THAT HE FORECAST
IN HIS OWN TIME...

AT WHITE
SANDS, HE
VIEWS THE
NEW
EXPERIMENTAL
ROCKET IN
TEST FLIGHT...

SOON YOU WILL
ACTUALLY ROCKET
TO THE MOON...
MY DREAM WILL
BE REALITY!

EVEN NOW,
THE PRESIDENT
IS TALKING ABOUT
BUILDING A SPACE
STATION!

FINALLY...

THERE'S THE FIRST
ATOMIC-POWERED SUBMARINE,
NAMED AFTER THE SUBMARINE
YOU PREDICTED -- THE
NAUTILUS!

AH,
THAN THE ONE YOU
PREDICTED!
IT IS
MAGNIFICENT!

OH... I
AM OVER-
WHELMED
WITH PRIDE
AND HONOR!

AND LATER COMES THE MOMENT FOR PARTING...

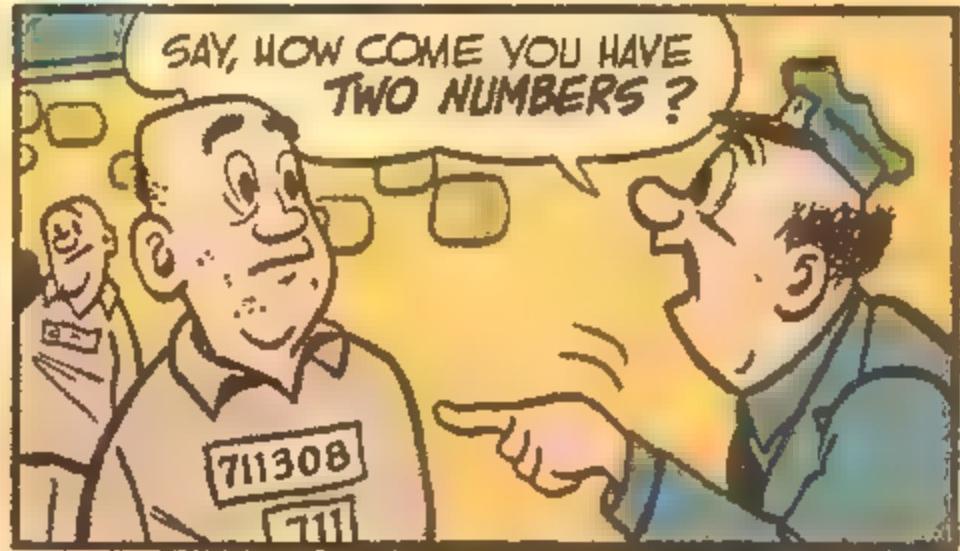
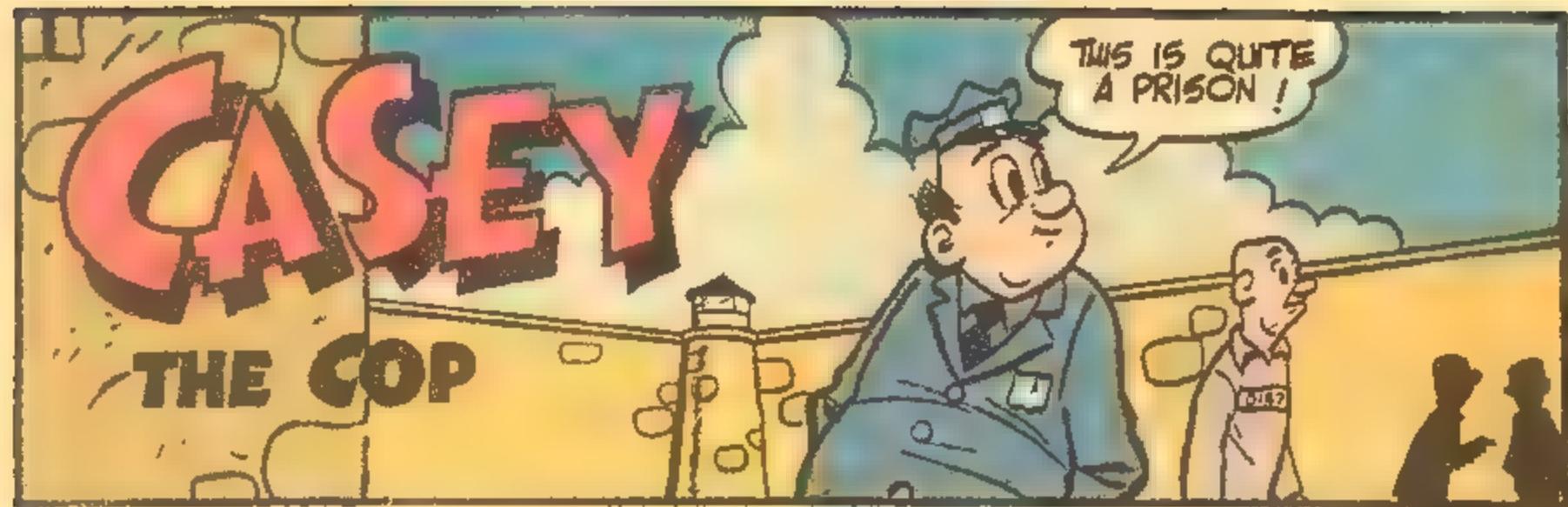
YOU HAVE MADE
ME A HAPPY
MAN... I AM
GRATEFUL!

IT IS WE
WHO ARE
GRATEFUL
TO YOU,

MONSIEUR VERNE!

AU REVOIR,
MONSIEUR
VERNE!

WHENEVER MEN'S MINDS SOAR
INTO THE FUTURE, THEY WILL
BE INSPIRED BY THE MEMORY
OF YOU--THE MAN WHO FORESAW
TOMORROW!



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BY AL CAPP

IF YOU CAN LICK OUR CHOKER, NEW MEMBER, TH' WHOLE GANG WILL SURRENDER, FOSDICK!

Crime

OUCH!! - MY SHREWD LEGAL SENSE TELLS ME THIS FIGHT IS - GULP!! - NOT ENTIRELY FAIR!! - BUT --

NEAT HAIR (WITH WILDRONT CREAM-OIL) GIVES ME CONFIDENCE!!

WILDRONT CREAM-OIL

BUT, DAT WOULD BE ILLEGAL - MY NAME IS ARTHUR!!

ONLY CREAM-OIL GROOMS AND CONDITIONS HAIR THE NATURAL WAY

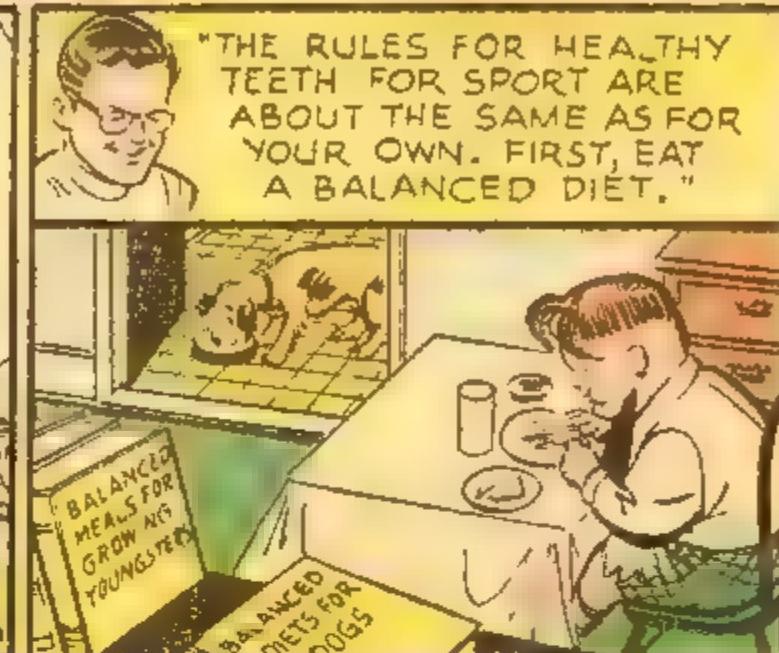
Binky

"HEALTHY TEETH for YOU and YOUR PET!"

GEE, DOG, THANKS. I
GLAD BINKY TALKED ME
INTO COMING HERE.
SPORT SURE WAS
MISERABLE WITH THAT
BAD TOOTH!

YOU'RE WELCOME,
ALLERGY. BUT
HELP IN AN
EMERGENCY IS
ONLY HALF MY
JOB. HERE ARE
SOME RULES TO
PREVENT FUTURE
TROUBLE ...

"THE RULES FOR HEALTHY
TEETH FOR SPORT ARE
ABOUT THE SAME AS FOR
YOUR OWN. FIRST, EAT
A BALANCED DIET."



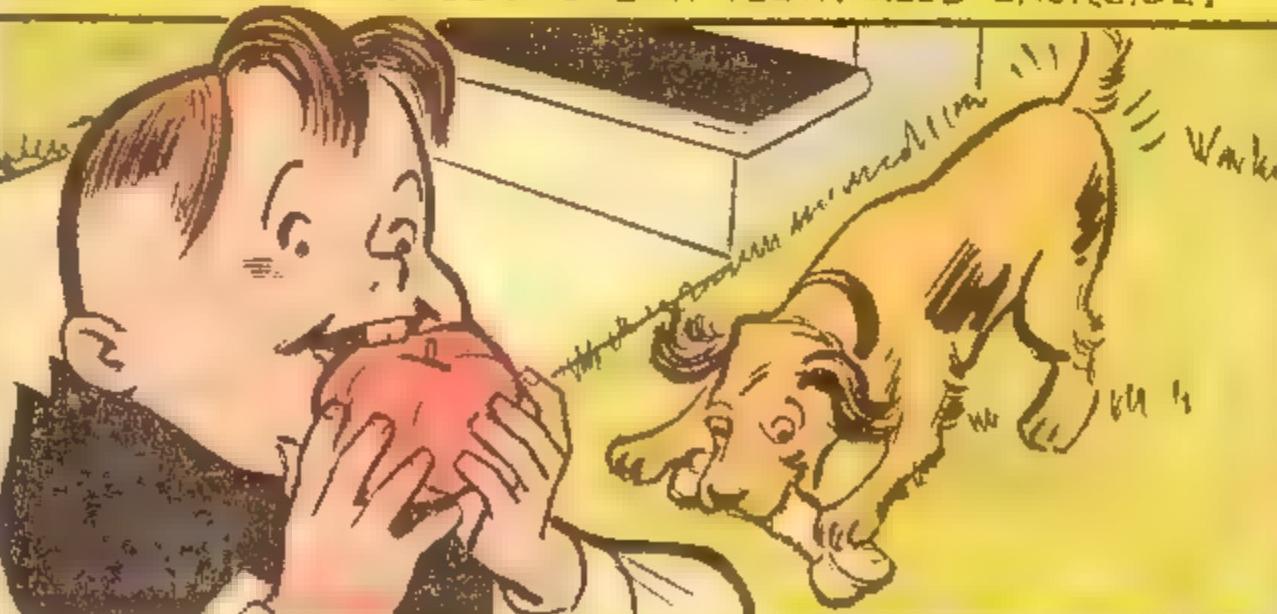
"SECOND, BRUSH YOUR
TEETH -- AND SWAB SPORT'S--
REGULARLY AND
PROPERLY."



"THIRD, JUST AS YOU GO TO YOUR DENTIST
TWICE A YEAR TO HAVE YOUR TEETH CLEANED,
BRING SPORT TO ME TO HAVE HIS TEETH
SCRAPED CLEAN OF TARTAR."



AND LAST, REMEMBER HEALTHY TEETH NEED EXERCISE."



THAT'S GOOD ADVICE,
KIDS. GOOD TEETH
AND GOOD HEALTH
AID EACH OTHER.
HELP YOURSELF AND
YOUR PET TO STAY
HEALTHY!





BATMAN



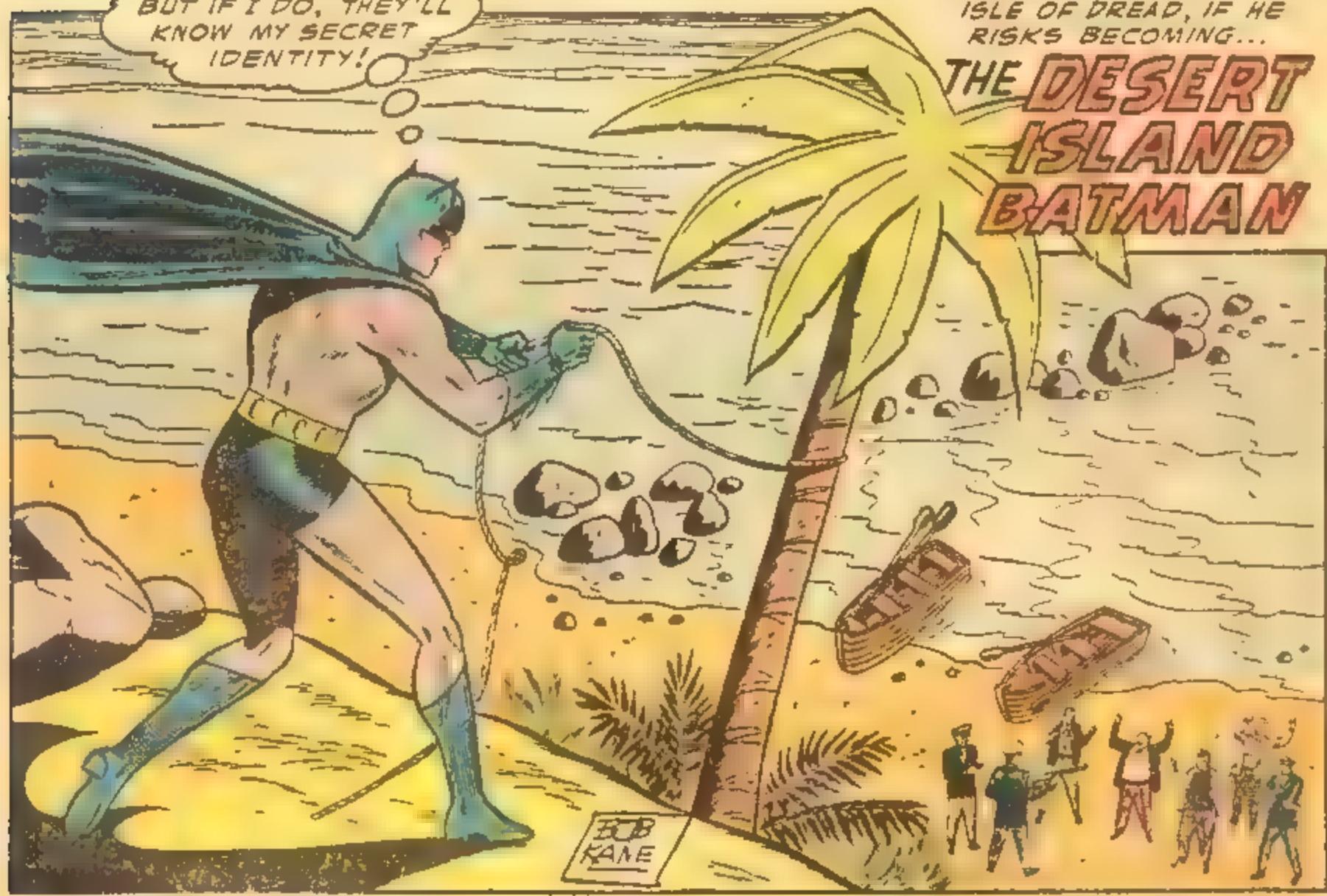
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ROBIN

I'VE GOT TO ACT--
BUT IF I DO, THEY'LL
KNOW MY SECRET
IDENTITY!

CASTAWAY ON A DESERT ISLAND--THAT'S BEEN THE FATE OF MANY MEN IN YEARS GONE BY! BUT WHEN IT HAPPENS NOW TO A GROUP OF MEN THROWN BY A SINISTER DISASTER ONTO A LONELY SPECK OF LAND, ONE OF THEM MUST PLAY THE ROLE OF TWO MEN! AND BRUCE WAYNE, THE WEALTHY PLAYBOY WHO IS ALSO GOTHAM CITY'S GREATEST LAWMAN, FACES DOUBLE DANGER ON AN ISLE OF DREAD, IF HE RISKS BECOMING...

THE DESERT ISLAND BATMAN



A SEDATE BROWNSTONE MANSION, ON A QUIET GOTHAM CITY SIDE-STREET, HOUSES THE MOST EXCLUSIVE CLUB IN THE WORLD...

THIS IS THE MILLIONAIRES' CLUB, EH, BRUCE?

YES, DICK, AND EVERY MEMBER IS A MILLIONAIRE! AS "PLAYBOY" BRUCE WAYNE, I OCCASIONALLY HAVE TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE HERE!

INSIDE, A MOMENT LATER...

THERE'S THOMAS THORPE, THE BIG AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURER, AND HOMER BRANDON, THE MILLIONAIRE SHIP-BUILDER!

IT'S SOME CLUB, BRUCE--THOUGH IT DOESN'T MEAN MUCH TO US!



BUT BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON--ALIAS BATMAN AND ROBIN--ARE TO FIND THIS GATHERING A FATEFUL ONE--



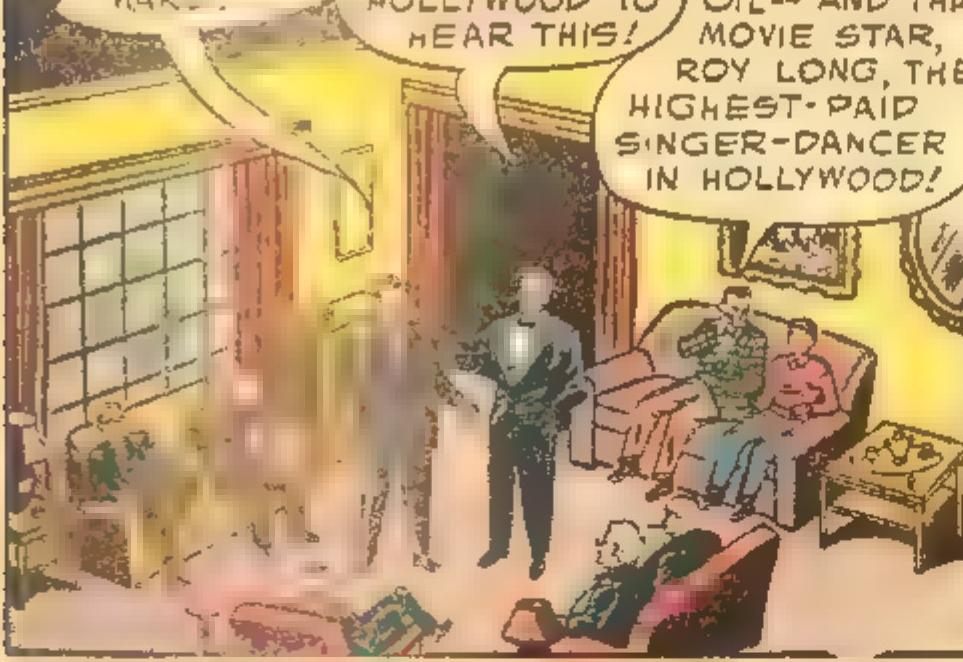
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--AS SHORTLY PTERWARD, THE MEETING COMES TO ORDER...

FOLLY WELL, WHAT JOHN WISWELL,
MILLIONAIRES I'VE SIT? I THE CHAIRMAN,
AN IMPORTANT CAME ALL MADE A FORTUNE
PROPOSAL TO DRILLING FOR
MAKE! THE WAY FROM OIL-- AND THAT'S
HOLLYWOOD TO MOVIE STAR,
HEAR THIS! ROY LONG, THE
HIGHEST-PAID SINGER-DANCER
IN HOLLYWOOD!

I PROPOSE A YACHT-CRUISE TO THE SOUTH SEAS, FOR A SWELL IDEA FOR MILLIONAIRES ONLY! WE'LL BE THE CREW OURSELVES, AND ONLY HIRE A FEW STEWARDS!

I'LL COME TOO!



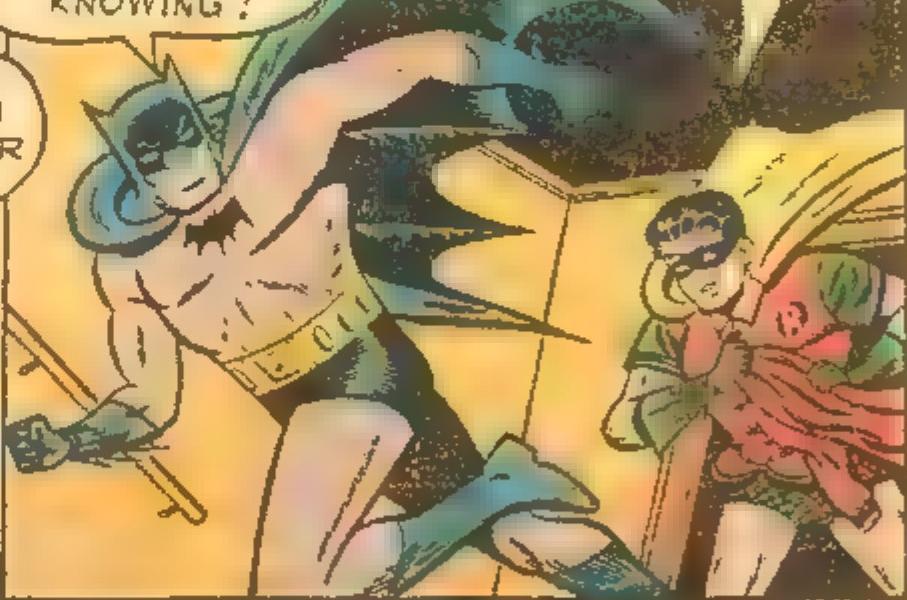
AND AS THE ENTHUSIASTIC MILLIONAIRES SIGN OFF...

I'VE ALREADY BOUGHT A YACHT AND UP A ROUTE! WHAT A YOL, A

THE WINDOW NEXT DOOR REFLECTED A FLASH OF LIGHT IN THE UPPER ROOMS!

BUT IN THE CORRIDOR, A SWIFT CHANGE OF GARB... THERE'S A PROWLER UPSTAIRS-- I WANT TO ATTRACT THIEVES, ALL RIGHT!

ER-- SORRY, WISWELL... I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR SUCH A CRUISE! MUST STAY FOR THE POLO SEASON! SEE YOU LATER-- COME ALONG, DICK!



BUT IN THE ROOM ABOVE, BATMAN AND ROBIN RUN INTO A SIZZLING SURPRISE! I'M BLINDED

LOOK OUT-- FLASH-BULBS!

WHEN THE TWO LAW MEN RECOVER THEIR VISION...

HE GOT AWAY-- BUT WHAT WAS HE DOING? NOTHING SEEMS TO BE MISSING!

THIS TACKED-DOWN SAILING-CHART OF THE CRUISE-YACHT... HE WAS PHOTOGRAPHING IT!

THE ROUTE OF THE MILLIONAIRES' CRUISE! IF UNSCRUPULOUS MEN HAVE THAT, IT COULD MEAN DANGER! YES, DANGER TO THE MILLIONAIRES WHO ARE GOING, DANGER!

ROBIN-- I'VE CHANGED MY MIND! AS BRUCE WAYNE, I'M GOING ON THAT CRUISE, TOO!



BATMAN

THUS, DAYS LATER, AS THE YACHT *ESTRELLA* PUTS OUT TO SEA...

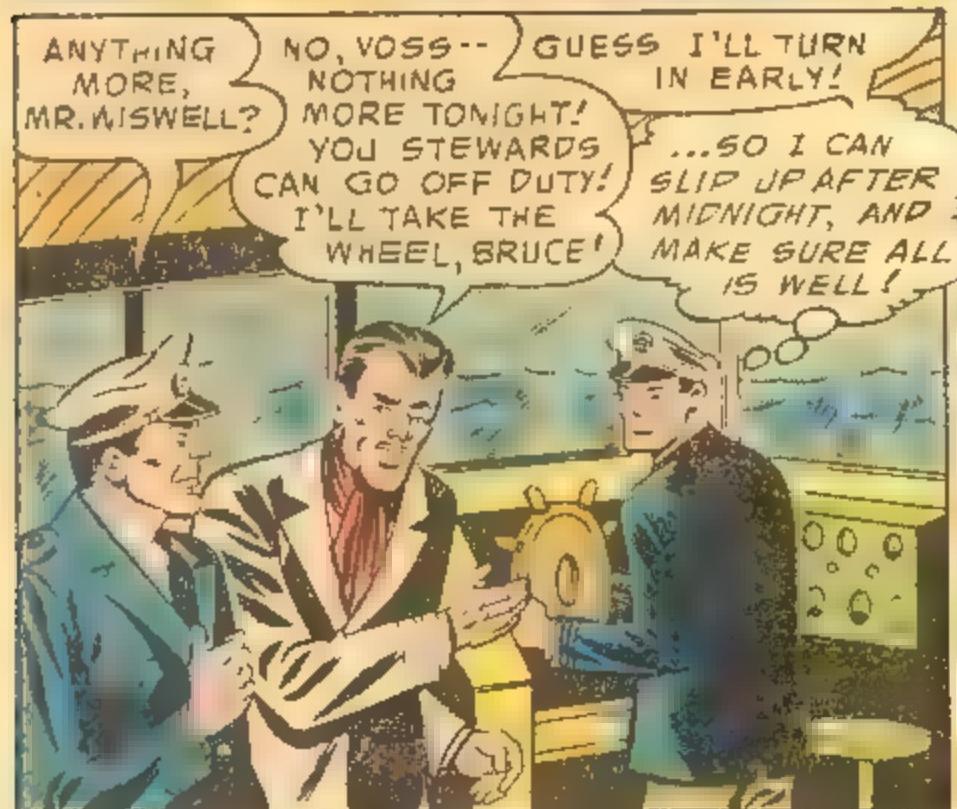
I WISH BATMAN

HADN'T ASKED ME TO STAY HOME SO THE UNDERWORLD WON'T SUSPECT HE'S GONE! I CAN'T HELP FEELING UNEASY ABOUT THAT VOYAGE!

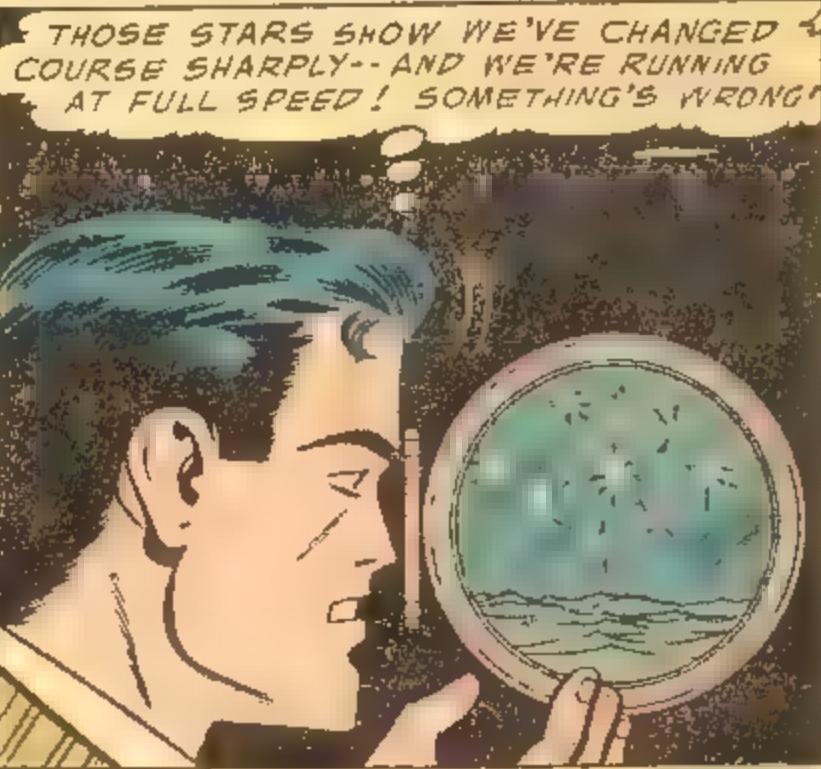
BUT AS THE YACHT FORGES THROUGH LAZY DAYS INTO SOUTHERN SEAS...

YOUR SUPER-FAST TAP-DANCE IS SWELL, ROY... BUT REMEMBER, WE'RE ON VACATION!

IT ALL *SEEMS* PEACEFUL-- AND I'VE INSPECTED THE WHOLE YACHT WITHOUT FINDING ANYTHING WRONG!



BUT WHEN BRUCE AWAKENS AT MIDNIGHT...



SOMETHING IS WRONG INDEED-- FOR AS BRUCE RACES OUT ON DECK...

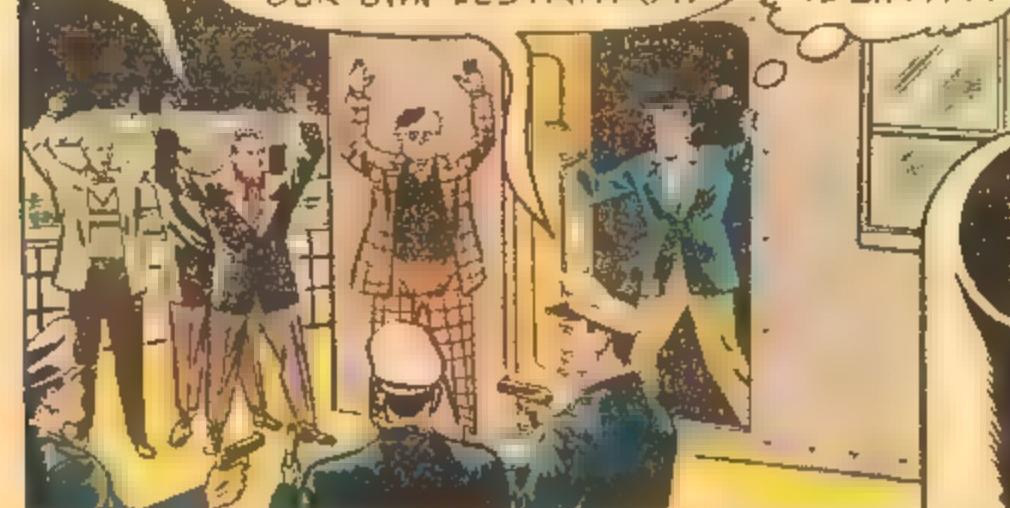
OUR STEWARDS HAVE MUTINIED!

MY PALS AND I AREN'T STEWARDS, MR. WISWELL! WE'VE TAKEN OVER THIS TUB AND ARE RUNNING FOR OUR OWN DESTINATION!

GOT TO ACT, EVEN IF IT MEANS REVEALING MY BATMAN IDENTITY!

WE'VE HIT A REEF-- THE YACHT WILL SINK! THIS IS YOUR DOING, VOSS!

RIGHT, WISWELL-- WE PLANNED THIS! INTO THE BOATS, EVERYBODY!



BUT IN THAT SAME INSTANT...

WE'VE HIT A REEF-- THE YACHT WILL SINK! THIS IS YOUR DOING, VOSS!

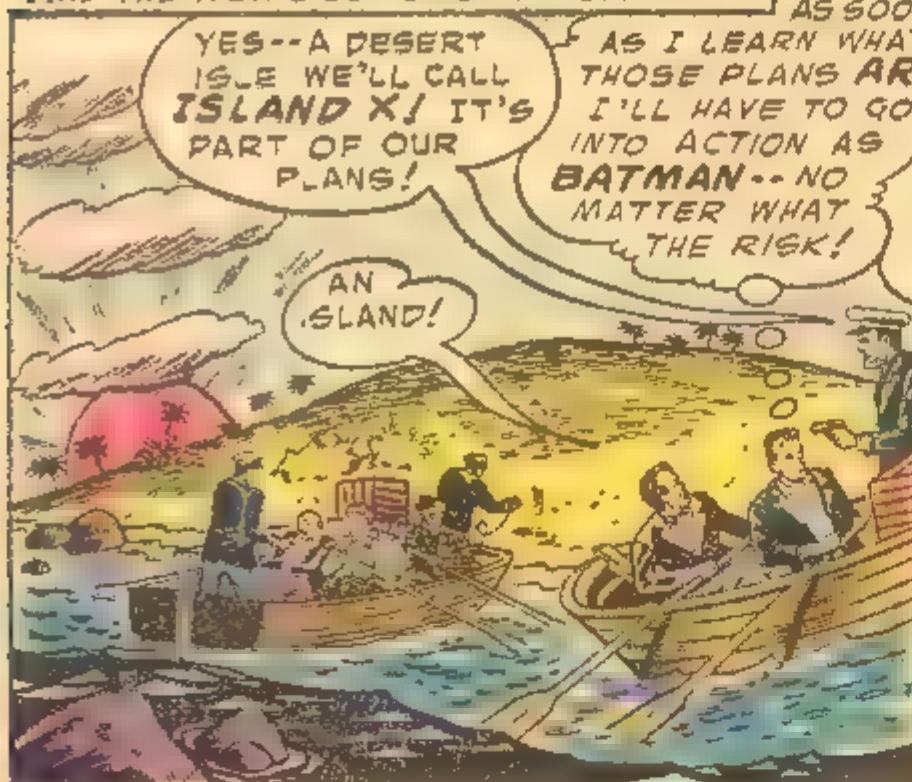




BATMAN



AND THE RISING SUN SOON DISCLOSES...



AS I LEARN WHAT THOSE PLANS ARE, I'LL HAVE TO GO INTO ACTION AS BATMAN--NO MATTER WHAT THE RISK!

AN ISLAND!

AFTER BEACHING THE LIFEBOATS...

AS SOON PALS OF OURS WILL BE ALONG SOON TO PICK US UP... BUT YOU MEN WILL STAY MAROONED HERE-- UNLESS YOU AGREE TO PAY \$1,000,000 EACH FOR RESCUE!

SO THAT'S YOUR PLAN! WELL, I WON'T BE HELD UP! NEITHER WILL I!



YOU'LL SOON CHANGE YOUR MINDS! THIS FOOD, BY THE WAY, WILL COST YOU \$4,000 A MEAL EXTRA!

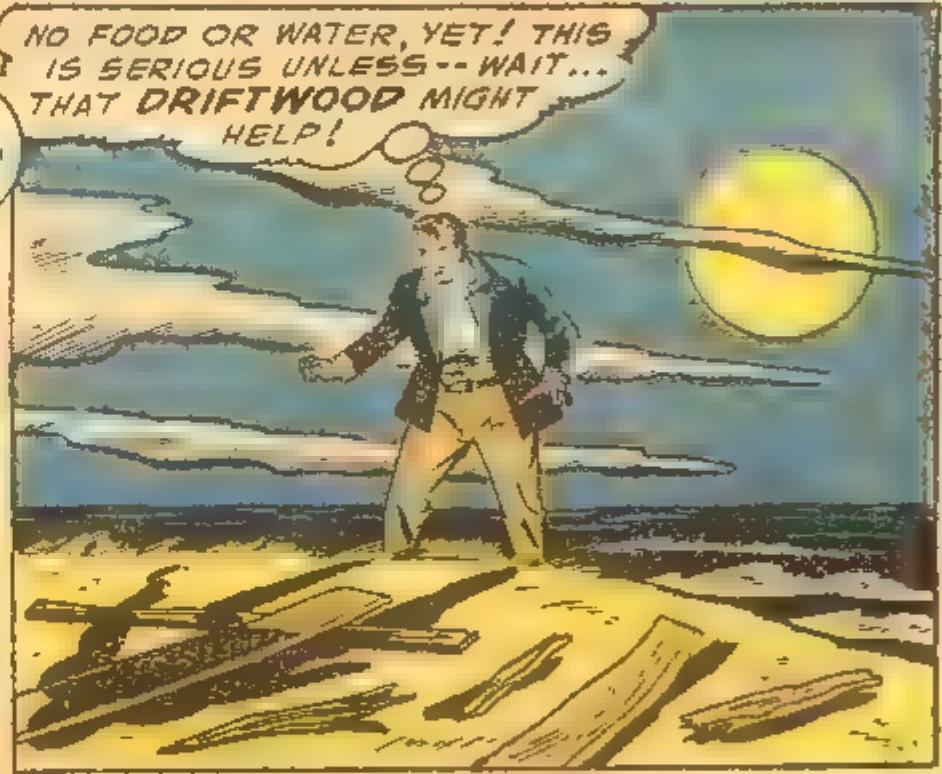
WE'LL NEVER PAY SUCH A RIDICULOUS SUM...

WE'LL FIND SOMETHING TO EAT!

LET'S SCATTER AND SEARCH FOR FOOD!

BUT AS THE HUNGRY MAGNATES SEARCH DESPERATELY...

NO FOOD OR WATER, YET! THIS IS SERIOUS UNLESS--WAIT... THAT DRIFTWOOD MIGHT HELP!



DEFTLY, BRUCE USES LOOSE VINE TO LASH SOME DRIFTWOOD TOGETHER...

THIS BAT-RAFT SHOULD FLOAT FAR ON THE PREVAILING CURRENTS! I'LL MAKE OTHERS AND LAUNCH THEM, TOO!

AFTERWARD...

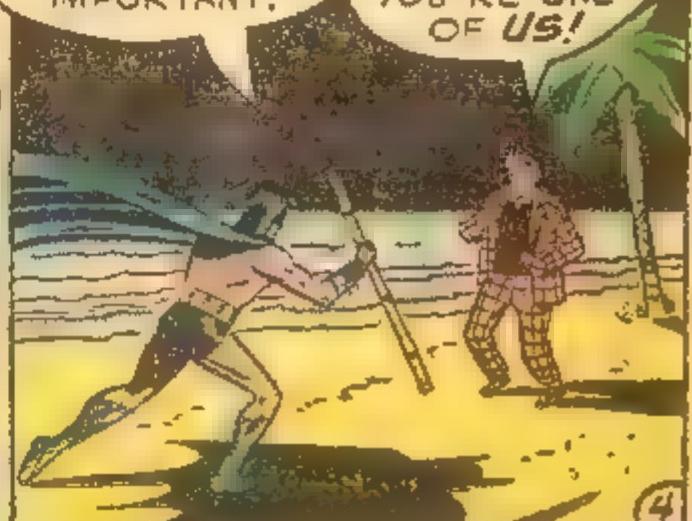
NOW BATMAN HAS TO JOIN IN THE SEARCH FOR FOOD, EVEN IF IT DOES MEAN GIVING AWAY HIS OTHER IDENTITY AND-- HMM... WITH HIS SHIP-BUILDING KNOW-HOW, MR. BRANDON MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP ME!



A LITTLE LATER...

MR. BRANDON, COULD YOU IMPROVISE A SHIP'S WHISTLE FROM THIS HOLLOW BAMBOO? IT'S IMPORTANT!

WHY--SURE... I CAN DO THAT! BUT-- YOUR PRESENCE HERE, BATMAN, THAT MEANS YOU'RE ONE OF US!





BATMAN



SHORTLY, WHERE THE CRIMINALS GUARD THE RATIONS...

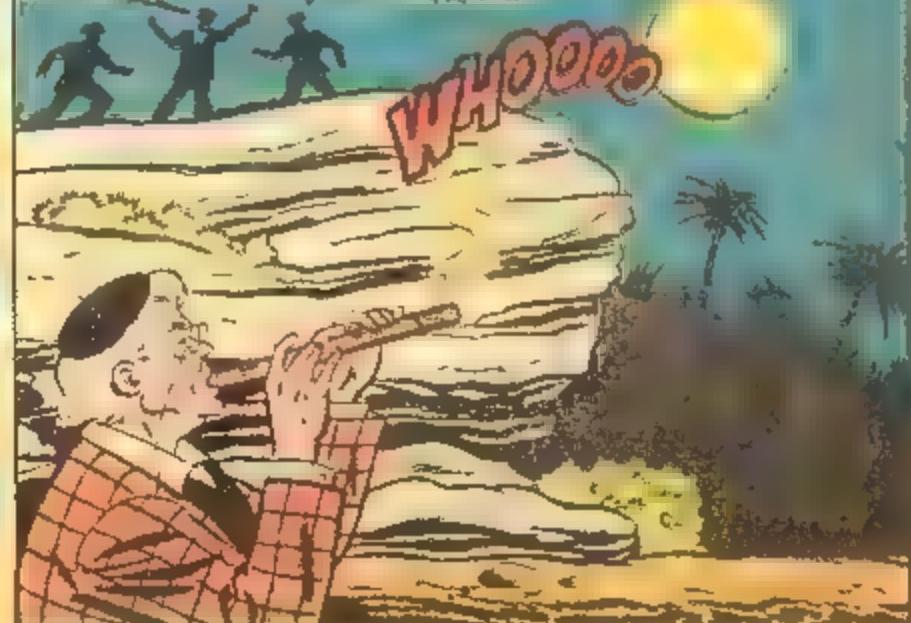
LISTEN... SOME PASSING SHIP MUST HAVE STOPPED AT THIS ISLAND!

QUICK, WE'VE GOT TO PREVENT THE MILLIONAIRES FROM ESCAPING!

BUT WHEN THEY REACH THE "SHIP"...

HUH--?
IT'S ONLY BRANDON!

THIS IS A TRICK TO GET US AWAY FROM THE RATIONS!

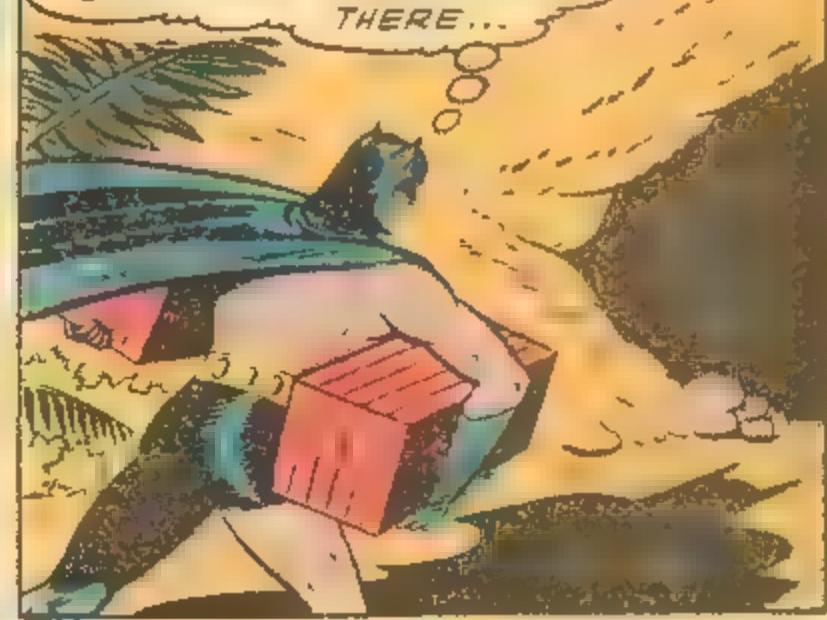


YEAH... AND LOOK! BATMAN'S ON THE ISLAND WITH US! HE'S TAKING SOME OF THE RATIONS!

AFTER HIM! HE CAN'T GET AWAY, LOADED DOWN WITH THOSE CASES!



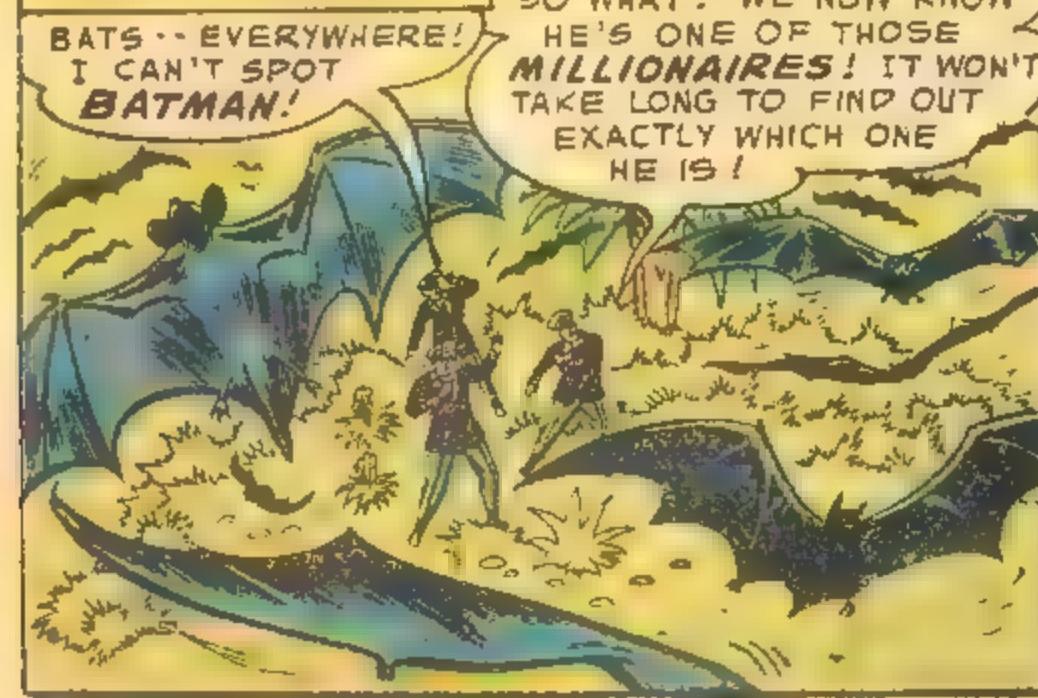
BUT AS THEY PURSUE THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER THROUGH THE FOREST THAT CAVE IS A HAUNT OF BIG TROPICAL BATS! IF I CAN JUST STIR THEM OUT OF THERE...



AND A GRIM PURSUIT SUDDENLY BECOMES HOPELESSLY CONFUSED.

BATS -- EVERYWHERE!
I CAN'T SPOT BATMAN!

SO WHAT? WE NOW KNOW HE'S ONE OF THOSE MILLIONAIRES! IT WON'T TAKE LONG TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHICH ONE HE IS!



MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE FOREST...

I'VE STASHED THOSE RATIONS... NOW TO RETURN AS BRUCE! TROUBLE IS, EACH TIME I APPEAR, I'M NARROWING DOWN THE PROBLEM OF MY IDENTITY!





BATMAN

SURE ENOUGH -- BACK AT THE BEACH...

IT WASN'T A HURON,
SO ONE OF THE FOUR
MUST BE BATMAN!
LISTEN, BATMAN --
THERE'S SURELY NO
WATER ON THIS
ISLAND. THESE
CASKS ARE DRY.
THERE'S...

IF THAT'S SO, I
MUST FIND WATER --
OR THEY'LL ALL BE
FORCED TO GIVE
IN TO VOSS!

SO ONCE AGAIN, IN THE FOREST, BRUCE WAYNE
AGAIN BECOMES THE GREAT LAWMAN..

BATMAN!
YOU MUST BE
EITHER BRUCE
WAYNE, OR THORPE,
OR ROY LONG!

LISTEN, WISWELL -- HERE
ARE THE RATIONS, BUT
WE MUST HAVE WATER!
YOU USED YOUR
GEOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE
YEARS AGO, TO FIND
OIL!

NOW YOU'LL GET TO USE
YOUR GEOLOGICAL
KNOWLEDGE TO FIND
WATER!

I'LL TRY --
ANYTHING
TO AVOID
GIVING IN TO THOSE
RASCALS!

AND A BRILLIANT MAGNATE'S SKILL SOON LEADS
HIM TO...

WATER!
I'M SURE THERE'S
SOME UNDER THIS
PLACE -- BUT HOW CAN
WE DRILL DOWN TO IT?

AS AN AUTO MANUFAC-
TURER, THORPE KNOWS
TOOLS! I'LL FIND HIM
AND SEE WHAT HE
CAN DO!

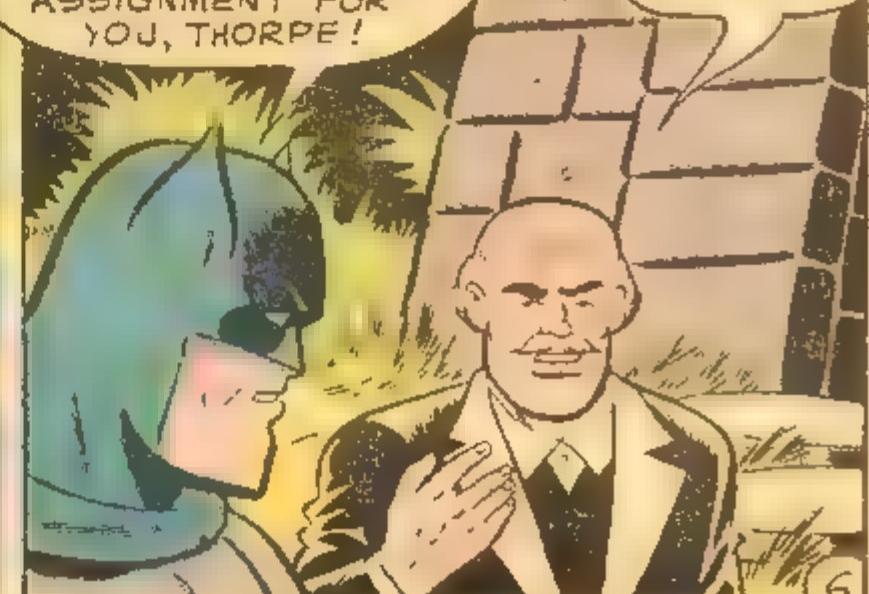
ON A JUNGLE ISLAND, BATMAN FINDS THE
AUTO DRILL IN A STRANGE SETTING.

BATMAN! LOOK! THIS ANCIENT
TEPPE IS WHERE? THAT PEOPLE
ONCE LIVED HERE! BUT WHAT
ARE THESE STONE DISKS?

THEY'RE
MONEY...

...STONE MONEY -- SUCH AS THE NATIVES
OF YAP AND OTHER ISLANDS USE -- TOO BIG
TO CARRY WHEN THEY DEPART!
BUT I'VE A DRILLING
ASSIGNMENT FOR
YOU, THORPE!

I'LL DO IT
IF I CAN!





BATMAN

AND AN AUTO MANUFACTURER'S KNOW-HOW WITH TOOLS SOON BRINGS RESULTS...

GET IT?... THE SPRUNG GOOD... BACK OF THE TREE COUNTERWEIGHTS THE LOG SO WE CAN MOVE IT UP AND DOWN! WE SHOULD REACH WATER SOON!

I'LL FIND ROY LONG AND BRUCE WAYNE!

HE IS EITHER LONG OR WAYNE - AND WE'LL SOON KNOW WHICH!

AS NIGHT FALLS...

YOU TALK LIKE BATMAN, ROY!

WE'VE GOT BUT THOSE FOOD AND CROOKS' PALS WATER NOW -- IT WILL ARRIVE SOON! AHA! HE IS BATMAN!

I'M NOT BATMAN... SINCE I'M ALSO A BUT I THINK WE BATMAN-SUSPECT, SHOULD KEEP ROY! I'LL TAKE AND HIS THE HIGHER PART ACCOMPLICES!

AND AS BRUCE AGAIN BECOMES BATMAN, KEEPING TENSE WATCH.

PLANE-MOTOR... I FIGURE ROBIN WOULD EVENTUALLY SHOW UP! I CAN USE A POLISHED STONE TO FLAG-REEL IN MOONLIGHT IN HELIOGRAPH CODE. TELL HIM TO LAND QUIETLY!



STEALTHILY, IN ANSWER TO BATMAN'S SIGNAL, THE BLACK-WINGED BAT-PLANE LANDS...

BATMAN, WHEN THE YACHT WAS REPORTED MISSING, I STARTED EXACTLY WHAT I EXPECTED SEARCHING - AND SPOTTED ONE OF YOUR FLOATING BAT-RAFTS WITH THE MESSAGE YOU CARVED ON IT!

BUT WHEN I SPOTTED THIS ISLAND YOU MENTIONED, I ALSO SPOTTED A SMALL SHIP HEADING TOWARD IT!

THAT MEANS OUR CAPTORS' ACCOMPLICES ARE ARRIVING! WE MUST MOVE FAST!

AND UPON HIS RETURN TO THE OTHER WATCHER, YES, LONG- YOUR SPECIALTY OF THE SUPER-FAST TAP-DANCE, ON THIS DRIFTWOOD CAN HELP US! AND SHOUT WHAT I TOLD YOU.

I'LL DO IT, BATMAN - OR SHOULD I SAY, BRUCE? AFTER ALL, YOU MUST BE BRUCE WAYNE!





BATMAN



MINUTES LATER, AS DETERMINED RASCALS START OUT TO ROUND UP THE MILLIONAIRES...

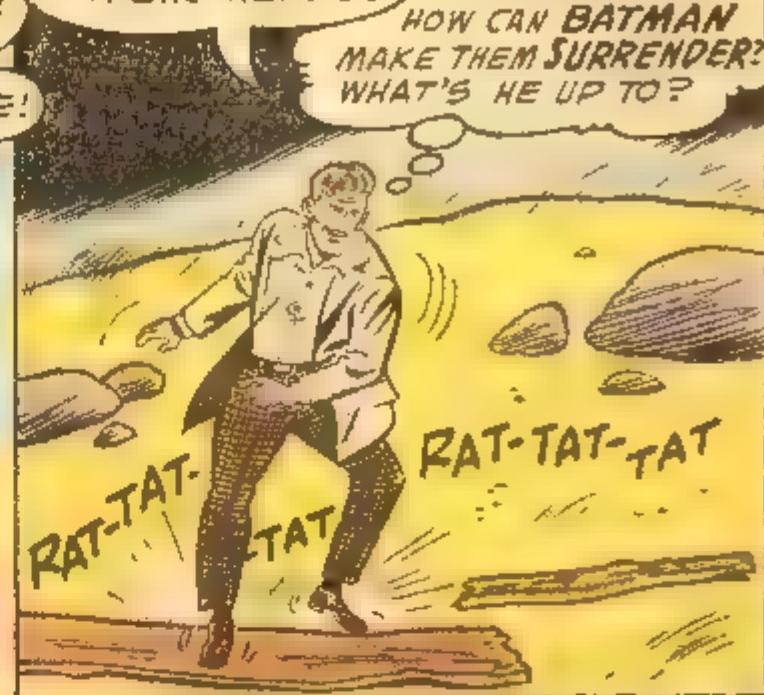
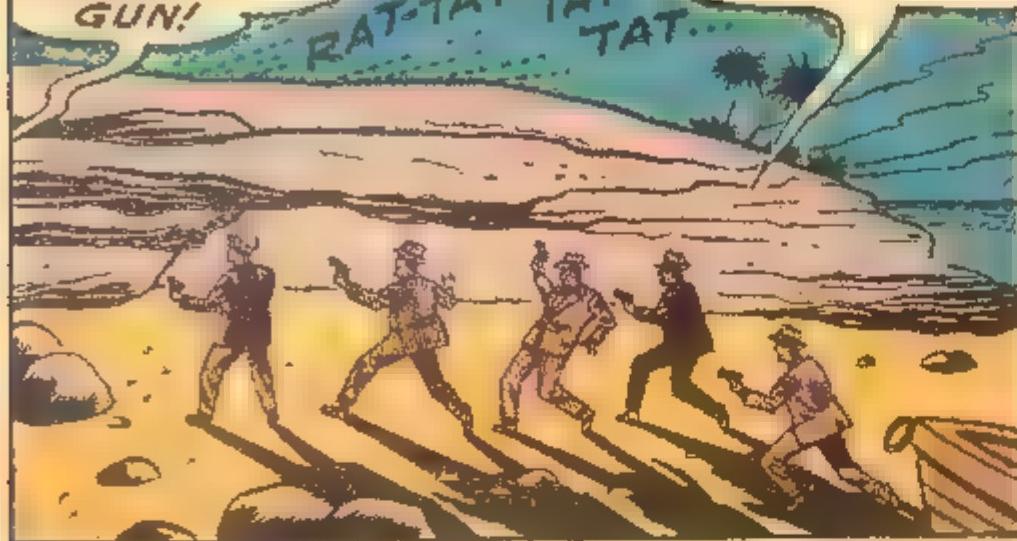
THERE THEY COME-- USE YOUR SUBMACHINE-GUN!

RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT...

DOWN FLAT! THEY'VE GOT A MACHINE-GUN FROM SOMEWHERE!

KEEP FIRING OVER THEIR HEADS!

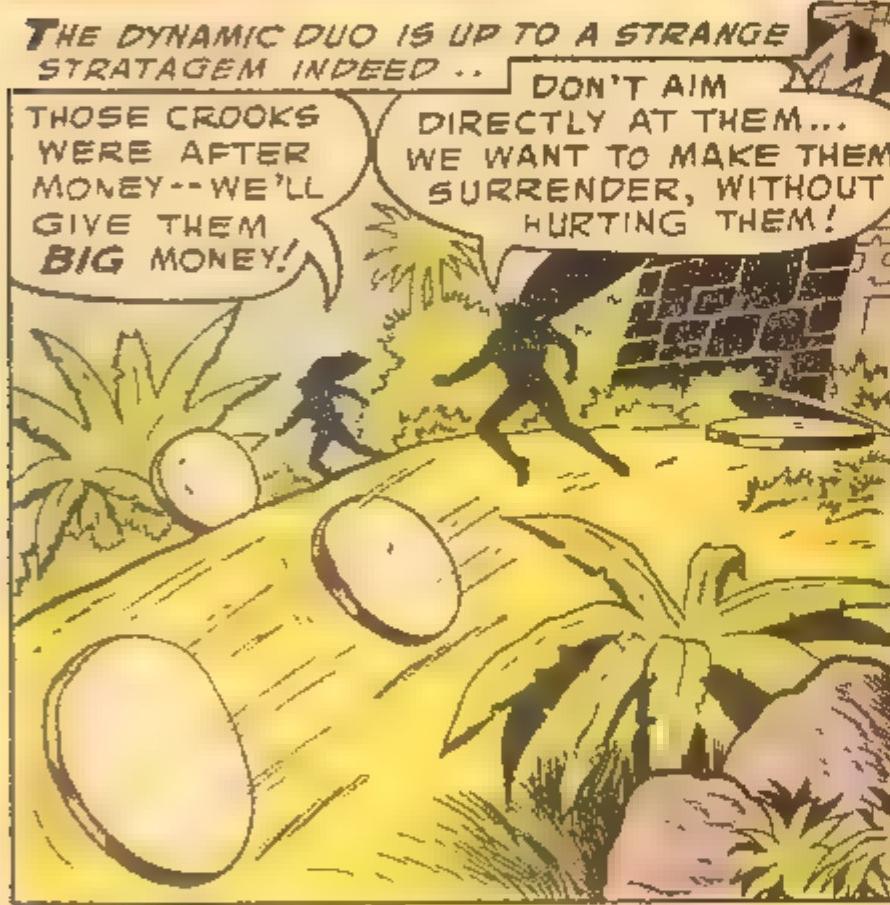
I'VE GOT THEM STOPPED--BUT HOW CAN BATMAN MAKE THEM SURRENDER? WHAT'S HE UP TO?



THE DYNAMIC DUO IS UP TO A STRANGE STRATAGEM INDEED...

THOSE CROOKS WERE AFTER MONEY--WE'LL GIVE THEM BIG MONEY!

DON'T AIM DIRECTLY AT THEM... WE WANT TO MAKE THEM SURRENDER, WITHOUT HURTING THEM!



AND TOO MUCH "MONEY" SOON BRINGS SCARED CROOKS TO BAY...

A MACHINE-GUN AHEAD... AND NOW THOSE THINGS ROLLING DOWN ON US! WE CAN'T FACE THEM-- WE SURRENDER!



SO AWHILE LATER, WITH ALL THE PRISONERS IN TOW...

ROBIN EXACTLY! YOU SEE, I USED MY SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE-- MY PAST FRIENDSHIP WITH BATMAN-- AND THOUGHT OF THE BAT-RAFTS THAT LED THE WAY HERE!

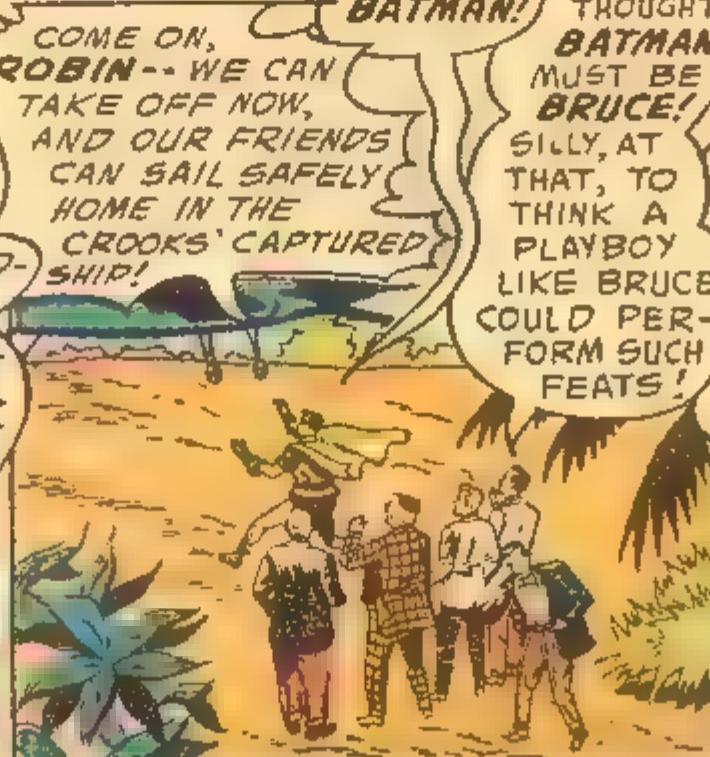
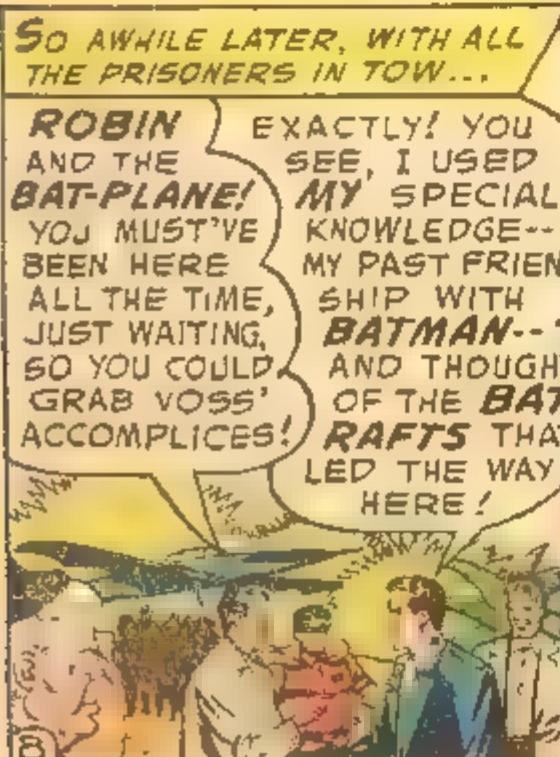
COME ON, ROBIN-- WE CAN TAKE OFF NOW, AND OUR FRIENDS CAN SAIL SAFELY HOME IN THE CROOKS' CAPTURED SHIP!

COMING, BATMAN!

AND WE THOUGHT BATMAN MUST BE BRUCE! SILLY, AT THAT, TO THINK A PLAYBOY LIKE BRUCE COULD PERFORM SUCH FEATS!

AND AS THE BATPLANE ARROWS HOMeward...

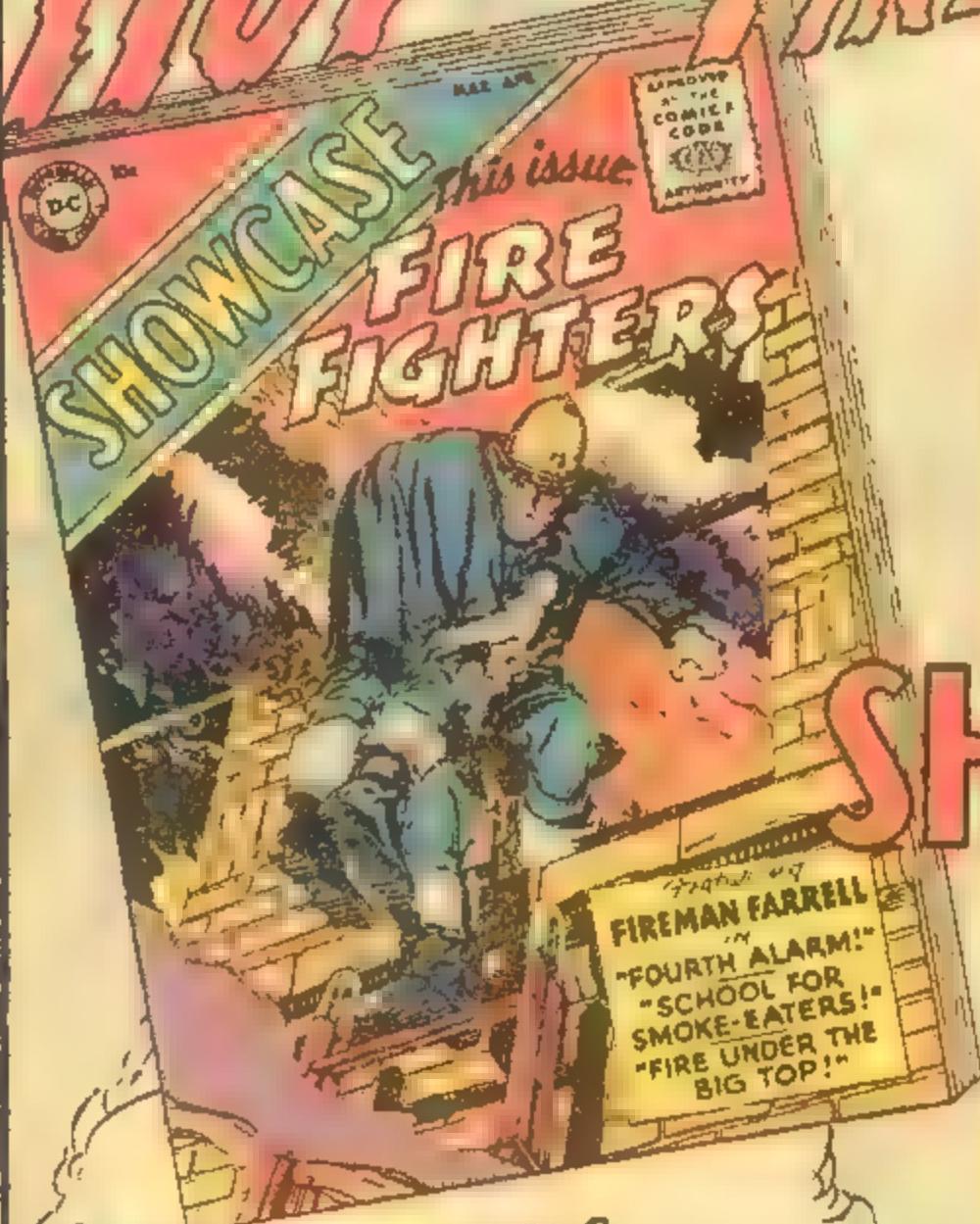
THEY DIDN'T GUESS THAT BRUCE, BEHIND THEM, SPOKE INTO HIS BELT-RADIO, AND THAT MY AMPLIFIED BELT-RADIO, IN THE PLANE, MADE HIS VOICE COME FROM THERE! HE'LL HAVE A LONG VOYAGE HOME WITH THEM--BUT I GUESS HE DESERVES A VACATION NOW!



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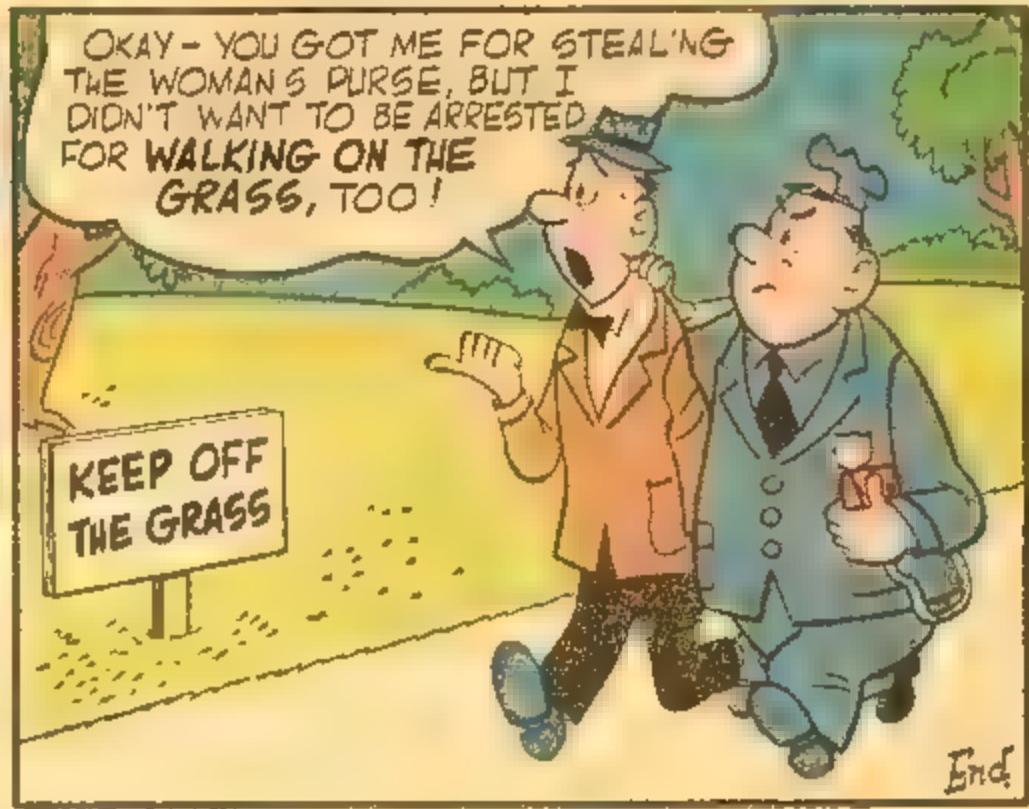
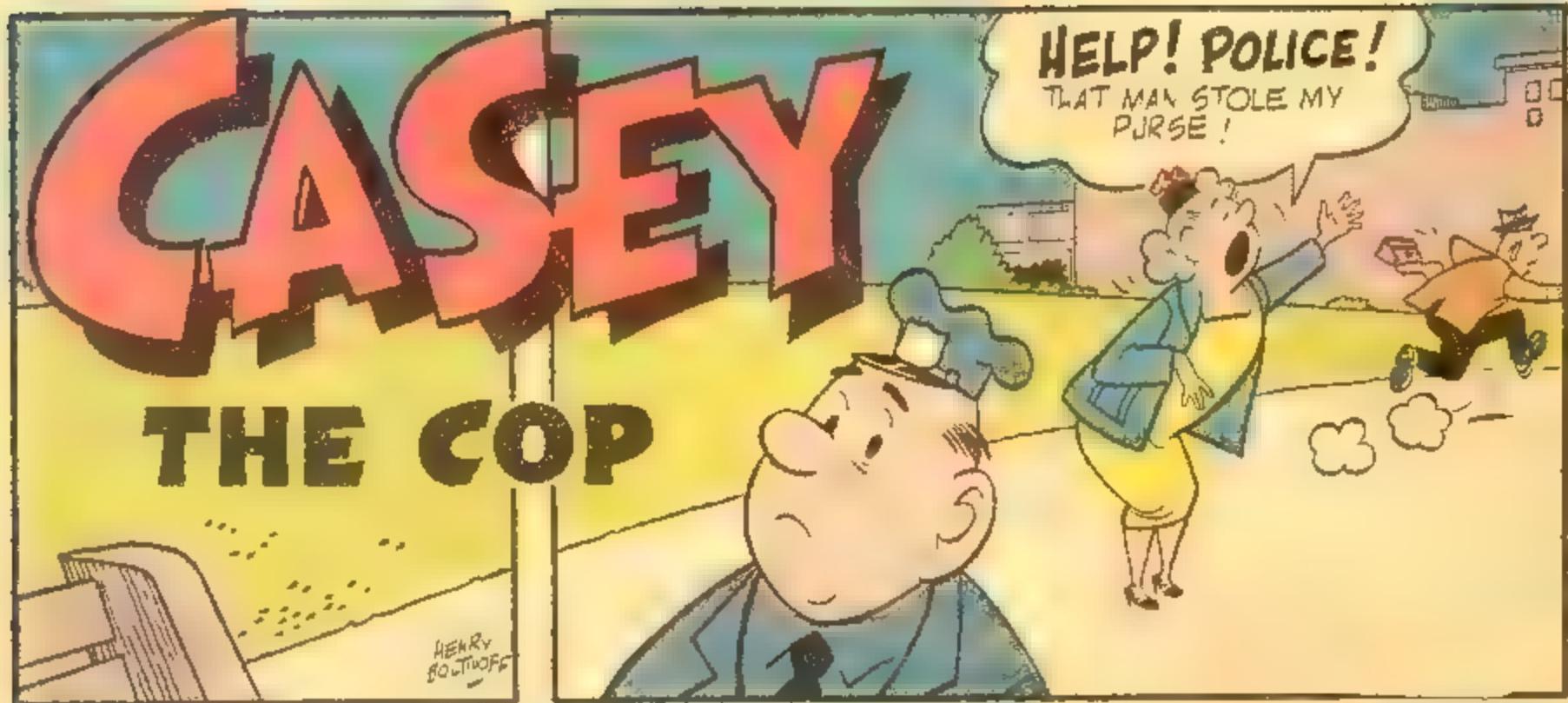
"FIRE UNDER
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"SCHOOL FOR
SMOKE-EATERS!"
"FOURTH ALARM!"

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BATMAN





PATROLMAN WITH SIX LEGS

The Officer On Horseback and His Mount Make An Unbeatable Combination

IT seems odd to many people that in this day and age, when our police forces have become so completely mechanized, that the departments of most large municipalities still retain a corps of mounted police.

Some people think that the horses are kept for sentimental reasons and in memory of the days when most policemen used a horse to get from one place to another. But this is not true. The mounted force still plays a vital role in preserving order, and it is considered as important an adjunct to the police department as the motorcycle and squad car.

In thickly congested areas where huge crowds assemble, jamming traffic, the squad car has been found wanting to cope with the situation. A mounted policeman, on the other hand, is in an advantageous position. High above the heads of the patrolman on foot or the police officer in a radio car, he can easily spot where the trouble is. And a trouble-maker will think twice before offering resistance to a four-legged opponent.

Have you ever watched a police horse in action? It is an almost frightening spectacle. The policeman only slightly

touches his flank with the spur, and this signal seems to transform the animal into a pawing, plunging beast. He seems almost to be out of control and dangerous to be near.

Actually, the horse is only putting on an act that he has been trained to do. But it is an act that discourages anyone from putting up an argument against him.

To find out how police horses receive such remarkable training, you must go to a "remount station" where they are given their conditioning.

A sweet smell of hay pervades the neat stables and barns which are enclosed by white fences. A sergeant is in charge of the station. He is, as you can imagine, an expert horseman, and knows as much about horses as anyone.

From him, you will learn where the police obtain their steeds—dealers who are constantly combing the country for the "right" horses.

What makes a horse "right" for police work? Police requirements are standard all over the country. To be acceptable, a horse must be between four and seven years old. His height must be between fifteen hands, three

inches, to sixteen hands, one inch high.
(A hand is four inches.)

The acceptable horse must be a bay or mahogany brown, and possess a long mane and tail. He must be a good-looking horse—in short, he must *look* like a police horse. But there are other considerations as well. The horse must be well bred, have a gentle disposition, and possess well-timed action at all gaits.

Now, a horse may pass all the above qualifications, and yet not develop into a good police horse. Under stress, he may demonstrate a stubborn streak, or reveal an inability to carry out orders. The moment this trait is detected, the horse is returned to the dealer.

When a horse is accepted and found right for training, he is taken to the paddock, where his police training begins at once. Outside the paddock is an area that resembles a circus ring. In the center of this, a trainer holds a long line of light webbing that is attached to an odd-looking bridle worn by the horse. This training bridle is called a "cavesson." It has a complex system of swivels, hinges and levers through which the trainer transmits his orders by a pull or pressure while the horse gallops or canters 'round and 'round.

The trainer uses no whip, yet he manages to elicit perfect obedience from the animal, using only encouraging and gentle words. Let the horse learn his lesson well, and he is instantly rewarded by the trainer.

After a horse has learned all the signals, he is then broken to the saddle. This step comes before he is mounted. And now the horse is ready for his advanced training.

The rider teaches him how to move

backward or sideways. He also teaches him how to stand perfectly motionless in the midst of confusion and sudden loud noises. His last training lesson is to rear and plunge in that frightening manner.

Finally comes the acid test. In a "crowd" of people, consisting of police officers, the horse is taught to stand stock-still, while the crowd pushes at him this way and that.

The crowd blows horns, waves banners in front of the horse's face, leaps into the air—but the well-trained horse ignores them all. And even when its rider dismounts and walks away, leaving the horse alone in the crowd, the noble steed waits patiently. Let a stranger try to mount him, though, and he will shift his position so as to make mounting impossible.

Who are picked to ride these horses? Who become mounted policemen — former cowboys? Not at all. Almost without exception, they come from the ranks of the patrolmen on the foot beat. It is hard to believe from their expertise in handling their mounts, but most never sat in a saddle until they joined the mounted patrol.

Police riding differs considerably from cavalry riding. Police riding favors the French school of riding, whereby the rider controls his horse by leg pressure. The advantage of this is, of course, that the rider's hands are free to draw a weapon or to perform other duties requiring the use of his hands.

It is standard police practice to assign a patrolman and a horse to each other for life. This six-legged combination makes an unbeatable team on the modern police force.

—Joe Mallory

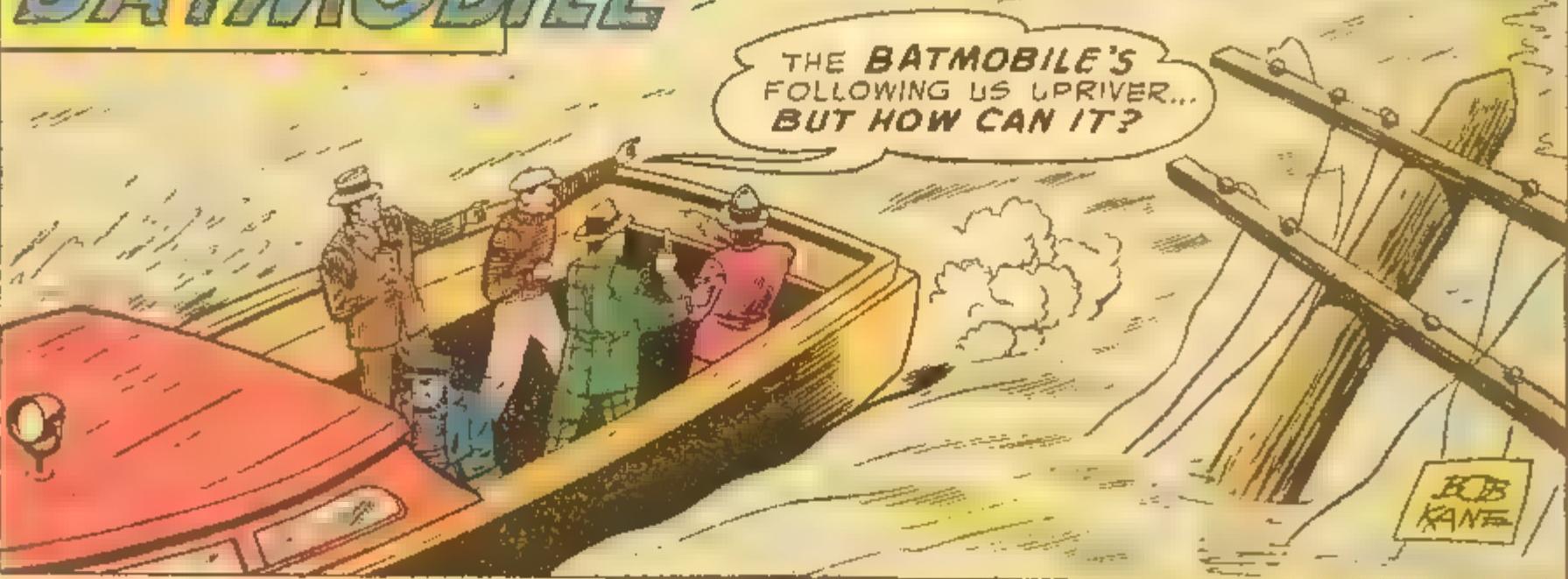


BATMAN



A BLACK THUNDERBOLT ON WHEELS, A SWIFT NEMESIS TO LAWBREAKERS, A MIGHTY MACHINE OF JUSTICE... THAT'S THE BATMOBILE! AND THE FAMOUS CAR OF BATMAN AND ROBIN HAS, IN ITS TIME, PLAYED MANY STRANGE ROLES! BUT STRANGEST OF ALL IS THE MENACE THAT THE GREAT CAR BECOMES TO ITS OWNERS, WHEN THERE IS REVEALED THE MYSTERIOUS...

SECRET OF THE BATMOBILE



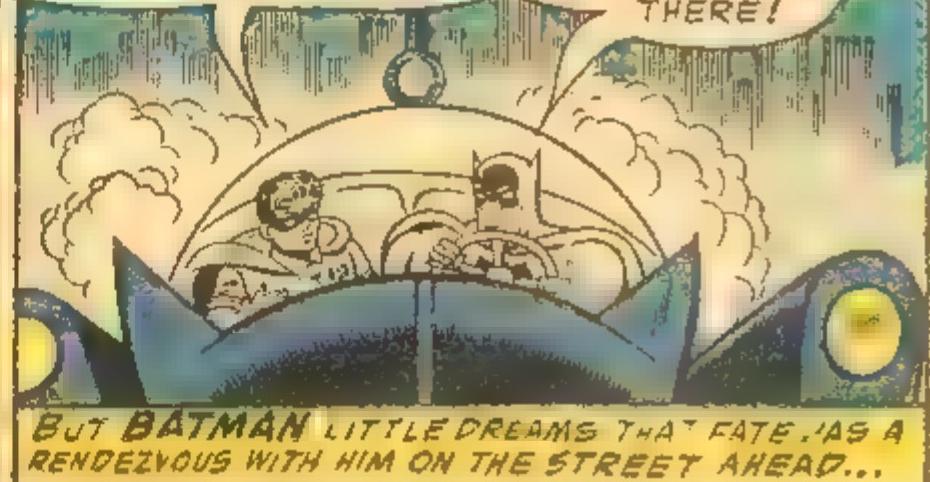
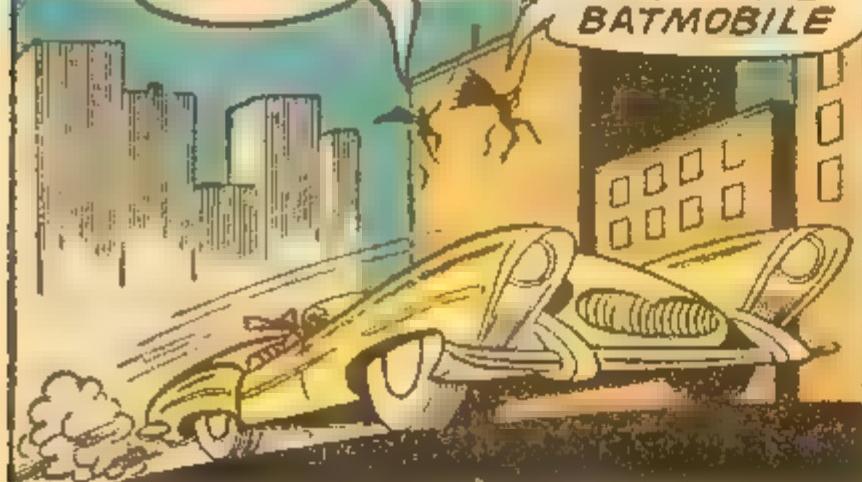
A ROAR OF POWER, A FLASHING CAR--AND ONCE AGAIN, A MENACE TO GOTHAM CITY IS ON THE LOOSE...

BATMAN, THERE HE GOES--THE RACER! HE MUST BE GETTING AWAY FROM ANOTHER THEFT!

I FIGURED WE'D SEE HIM FROM HERE IF HE STRUCK AGAIN! QUICK, SWING DOWN TO THE BATMOBILE

AND SWIFTLY, THE GRIM BLACK CAR OF BATMAN AND ROBIN TAKES UP THE PURSUIT...

HE WAS HEADING TO-- WARD WEST AVENUE... WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM THERE!





BATMAN



...IN THE PERSON OF VICKI VALE, IRREPRESSIBLE GIRL PHOTOGRAPHER OF VUE MAGAZINE!

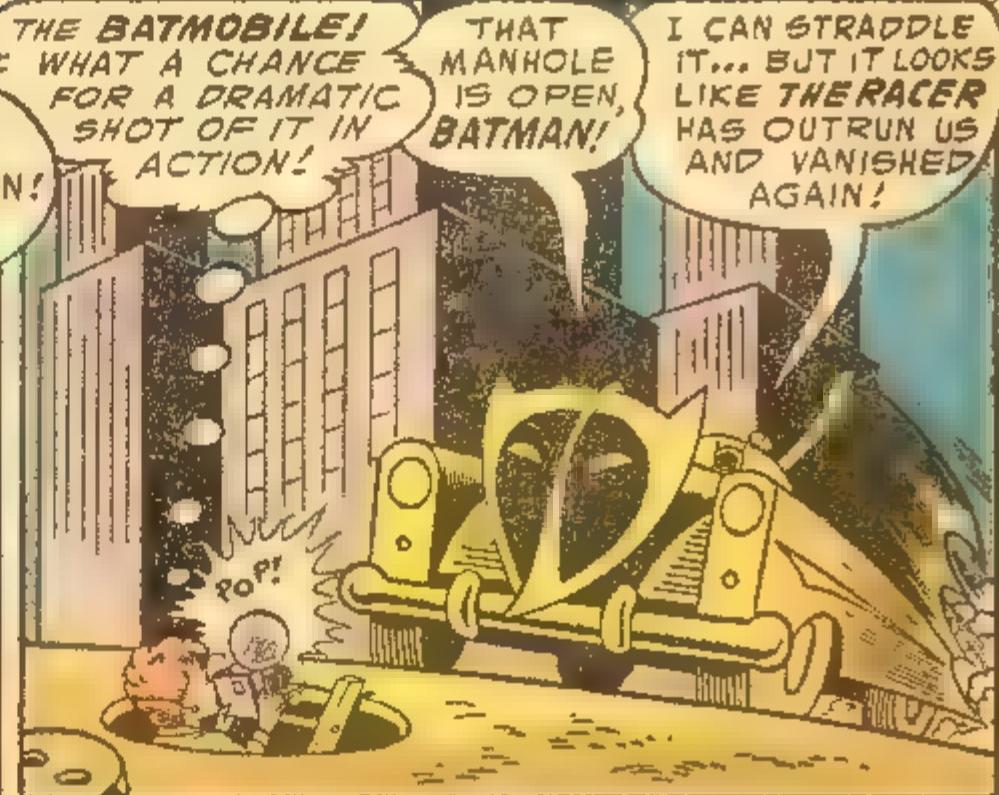
THANKS FOR GUIDING ME... MY PICTURES OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC CABLEMEN AT WORK WILL MAKE A SWELL FEATURE!

GLAD TO HELP, MISS VALE! BUT WA.T.--KEEP DOWN! THERE'S A CAR COMING FAST!

THE BATMOBILE! WHAT A CHANCE FOR A DRAMATIC SHOT OF IT IN ACTION!

THAT MANHOLE IS OPEN, BATMAN!

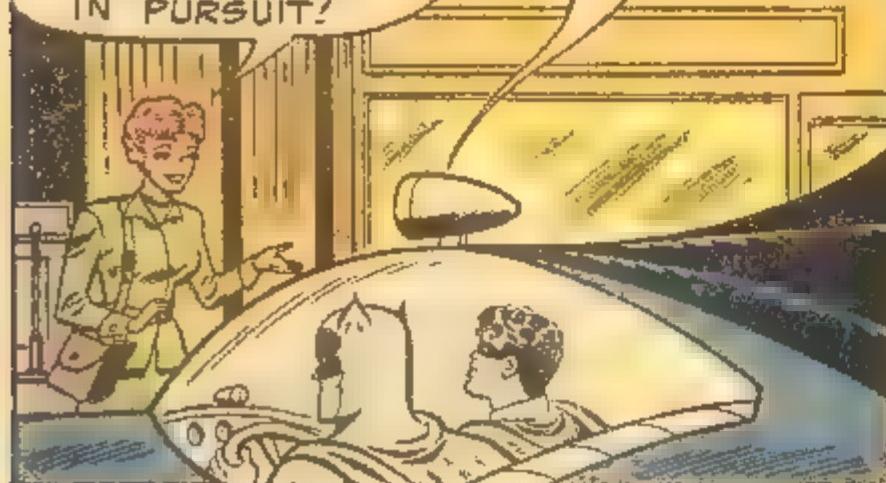
I CAN STRADDLE IT... BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE RACER HAS OUTRUN US AND VANISHED AGAIN!



AND AFTER A VAIN SEARCH...

SORRY YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR MAN-- BUT I GOT MY PICTURE... A TERRIFIC PAVEMENT-EYE VIEW OF THE BATMOBILE IN PURSUIT!

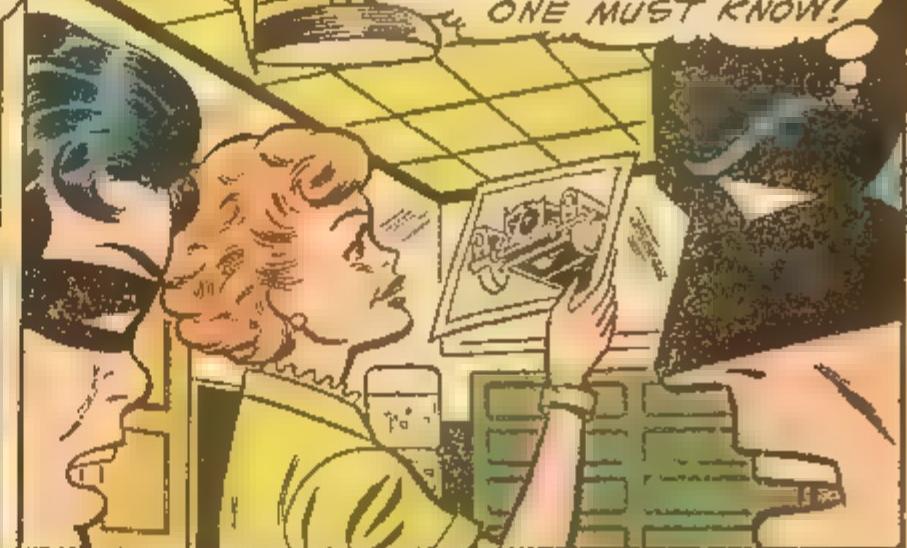
YOU IN THAT MANHOLE, SNAPPING THE BATMOBILE FROM UNDERNEATH? VICKI, I-- WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT PICTURE!



SHORTLY, IN THE OFFICES OF VUE MAGAZINE.

DIDN'T THAT HIGH-SPEED CAMERA TAKE A BEAUTIFUL SHOT?

YES, EVERY DETAIL IS CLEAR! IF THIS PICTURE OF THE BATMOBILE IS PUBLISHED, IT COULD GIVE AWAY A SECRET NO ONE MUST KNOW!



AND BATMAN, TO PUT OFF PUBLICA-TION OF THAT PICTURE, TALKS FAST...

YOU ALWAYS PICTURE THE BATMOBILE AS ONLY A CAR FOR CHASING CROOKS! WHY NOT RUN THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE BATMOBILE'S UNUSUAL PAST FEATS-- AND PUBLISH THIS NEW PICTURE AT THE END OF THE SERIES?

I WILL--IF YOU'LL GIVE ME THE INFORMATION!

LATER, WHEN THE DUO, IN THEIR SECRET BAT-CAVE RESUME THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES AS SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

WE'VE GOT TO FINISH THIS REPAIR JOB IF WE'RE EVER TO CATCH THE RACER!

YES, BUT FIRST I HAVE TO WRITE DOWN THE FACTS OF THE BATMOBILE STORY FOR VICKI! WE MUST PUT OFF PUBLICA-TION OF THAT PICTURE!



WHAT SECRET COULD THAT BATMOBILE PICTURE REVEAL? CAN YOU GUESS?



BATMAN



PRESENTLY, VUE MAGAZINE RECEIVES THE FIRST CHAPTER OF THE EPIC SAGA OF THE BATMOBILE...

WHY WAS BATMAN SO ANXIOUS TO GIVE US THIS STORY? IT'S A BIT SUSPICIOUS!

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? IT'S A GREAT FEATURE! LISTEN TO HIS ACCOUNT OF THE BATMOBILE IN THE BIG HURRICANE...

"WHEN THE FIRST WARNINGS OF THE GREAT HURRICANE CAME, ROBIN AND I REALIZED THE PERIL..."

"...AND EVERYONE SHOULD TAKE COVER! IT'S NOT SAFE TO DRIVE... THESE WINDS WILL BLOW CARS OFF THE STREETS!"

"WE'VE GOT TO MAKE THIS EMERGENCY, BUT IF WE CAN'T DRIVE, THE CAR HURRI-CANE-PROOF!"

"OUT, HOW CAN WE?"

THESE STEEL SHEETS WE INTENDED TO USE FOR ENLARGING THE LAB WILL MAKE THE BATMOBILE HEAVY AND STRONG ENOUGH TO STAND THE STORM!

"WE'VE GOT TO HURRY--THE GALE'S RISING TO PEAK STRENGTH.. AND WITH POLICE CARS IMMOBILIZED, LOOTERS MAY START WORKING!"

"AND IT WAS IN AN ARMORED BATMOBILE THAT WE DROVE OUT INTO THE TERRIFIC STORM!"

"THE WEIGHT HOLDS US DOWN AGAINST THE GALE--AND THE ARMOR PROTECTS US FROM FLYING DEBRIS!"

"WE'LL PATROL THE WHOLE AREA, TO DISCOURAGE LOOTING!"

"BUT FATE ASSIGNED OUR ARMORED BATMOBILE AN EVEN MORE URGENT TASK..."

BATMAN, LOOK! THAT BIG TREE CAVED IN THE CORNER OF THE HOSPITAL AND BROUGHT DOWN THE POWER-WIRES!

THE HOSPITAL HAS AN EMERGENCY STANDBY GENERATOR, BUT WE'D BETTER CHECK JUST THE SAME!

THE TREE THAT CAVED INTO THE BUILDING NOT ONLY BROKE OUR POWER WIRES... IT SMASHED THE GASOLINE MOTOR THAT RUNS OUR EMERGENCY ELECTRIC GENERATOR! AND LIVES DEPEND ON THE POWER!

THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE! ROBIN, CLEAR THAT BELT WHILE I RUN THE BATMOBILE CLOSE UP BESIDE THE BUILDING!



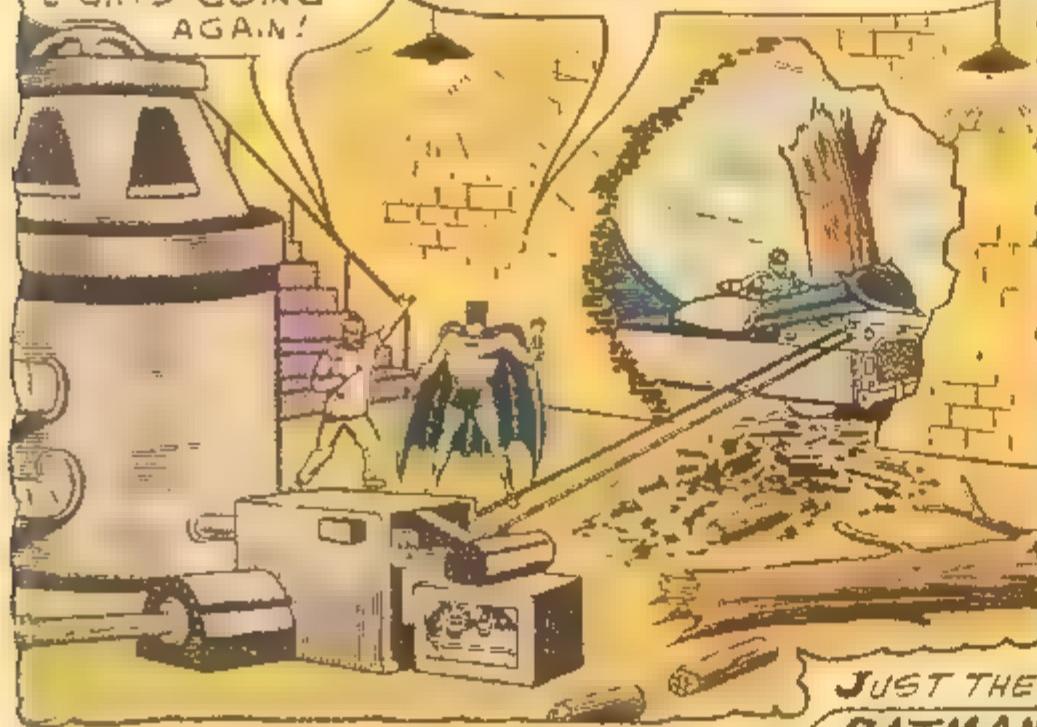
BATMAN



"WITHIN
MINUTES"

YOU'VE GOT THE
LIGHTS GOING
AGAIN!

AND THE BATMOBILE'S POWERFUL MOTOR CAN KEEP THE GENERATOR WORKING UNTIL THE WIRES ARE REPAIRED!



... AND THAT'S THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF THE BATMOBILE STORY! THE OTHERS WILL BE ALONG SOON!

IT'S EXCITING, BUT I STILL THINK BATMAN'S ANXIETY TO PUBLISH THIS IS QUEER! AND IF THE BATMOBILE'S SO GREAT, WHY CAN'T IT OVERTAKE THAT THIEF, THE RACER? I'M GOING TO FIND OUT!



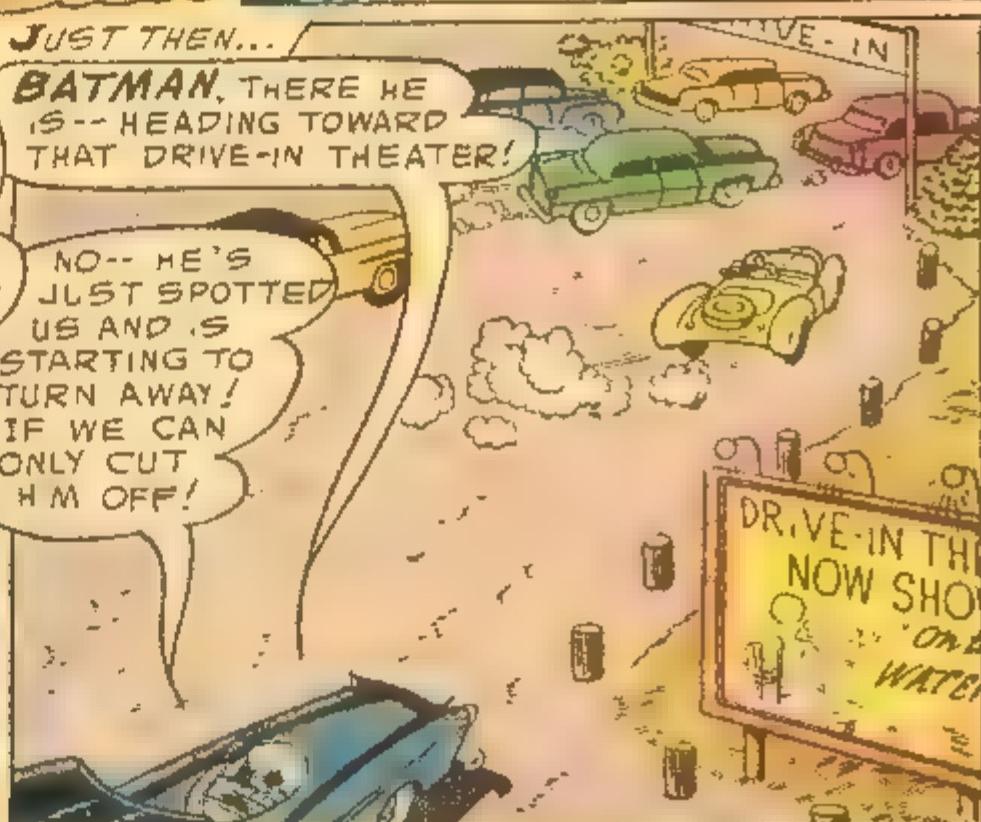
AND AS NIGHT FALLS...

WE SHOULD BE BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE FINISHING THAT URGENT JOB, BUT WE HAVE TO KEEP LOOKING FOR THE RACER!

IF WE COULD JUST OVERTAKE HIM ONCE--AND FIGURE OUT HOW HE PULLS THOSE VANISHING ACTS...

JUST THEN... BATMAN, THERE HE IS--HEADING TOWARD THAT DRIVE-IN THEATER!

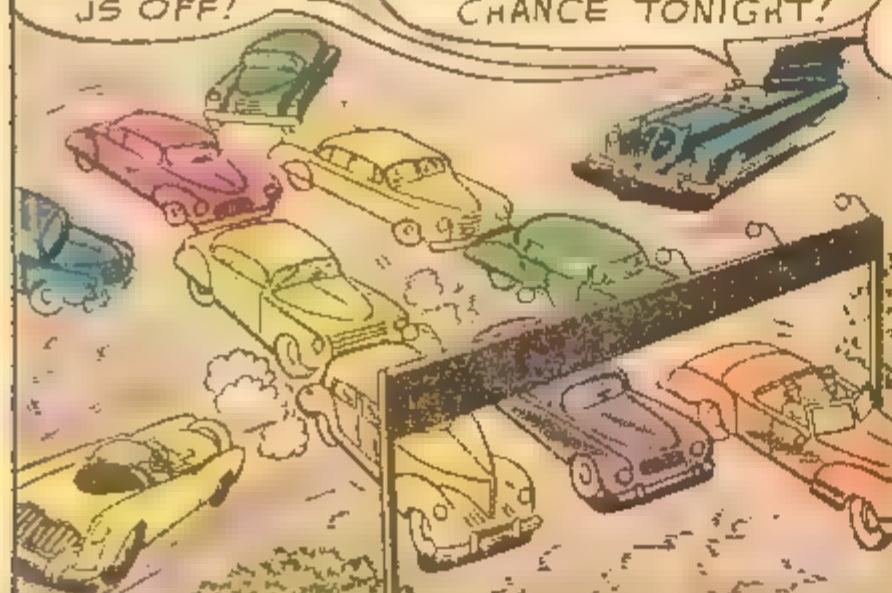
NO--HE'S JUST SPOTTED US AND IS STARTING TO TURN AWAY! IF WE CAN ONLY CUT HIM OFF!



BUT WITH A TERRIFIC SURGE OF SPEED, A HELMETED THIEF AGAIN SLIPS AWAY.

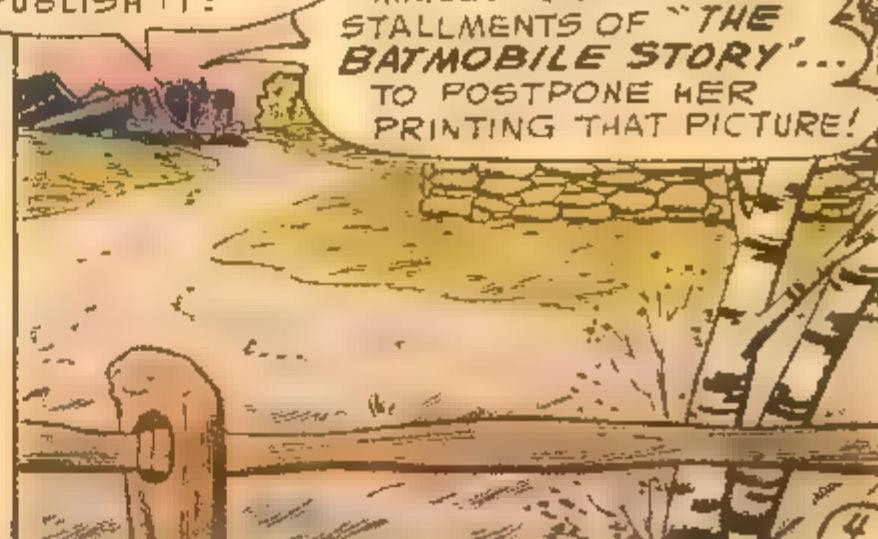
PULL UP! THOSE CARS GOING INTO THE THEATER ARE BLOCKING JS OFF!

IF I'D HAD JUST A LITTLE MORE SPEED, WE COULD HAVE GRABBED HIM! WE WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE TONIGHT!



AND AS DAWN COMES... I COULD--BUT THEN I CAN'T HELP WORRYING SHE'D SURELY EXAMINE IT CLOSELY-- ABOUT YICKI'S BAT-MOBILE PICTURE! COULDN'T YOU JUST ASK HER NOT TO PUBLISH IT?

AND LEARN THE SECRET THAT NOBODY MUST KNOW! THAT'S WHY I MAILED VUE MORE INSTALMENTS OF "THE BATMOBILE STORY"... TO POSTPONE HER PRINTING THAT PICTURE!



BATMAN

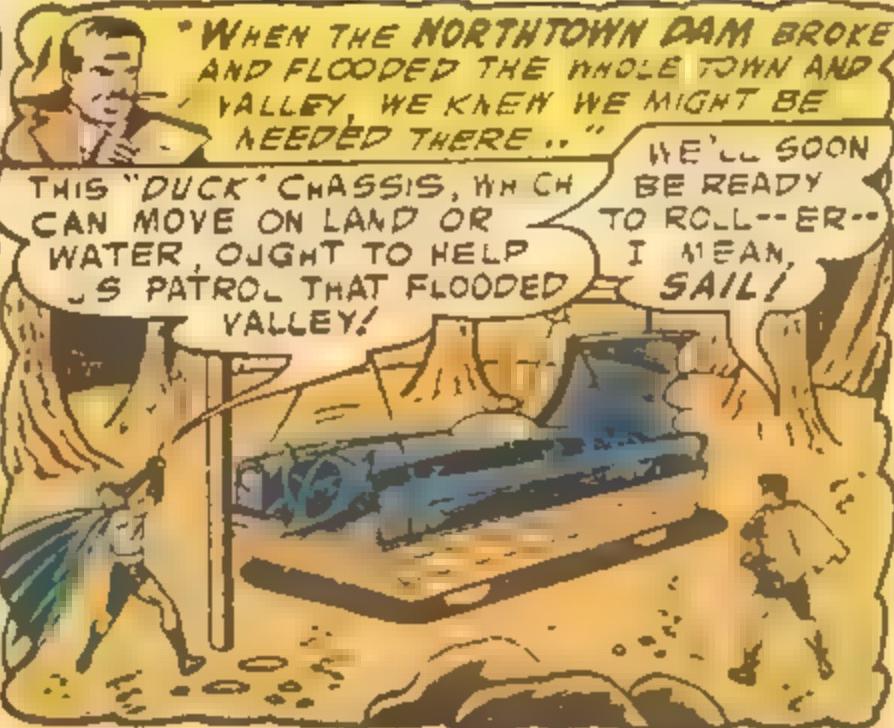


"IN THE MEANTIME... SO THE RACER ESCAPED BATMAN AGAIN! HMPH -- I'M BEGINNING TO SUSPECT NOW JUST WHAT BATMAN'S TRYING TO HIDE!"

"PSHAW! WHAT DOES ONE FAILURE MEAN, WHEN BATMAN HAS SUCCEEDED SO MANY TIMES? HERE--LISTEN TO THIS TERRIFIC STORY HE TELLS OF THE BATMOBILE..."

"WHEN THE NORTHTOWN DAM BROKE AND FLOODED THE WHOLE TOWN AND VALLEY, WE KNEW WE MIGHT BE NEEDED THERE..." WE'LL SOON BE READY TO ROLL--ER--I MEAN, SAIL!

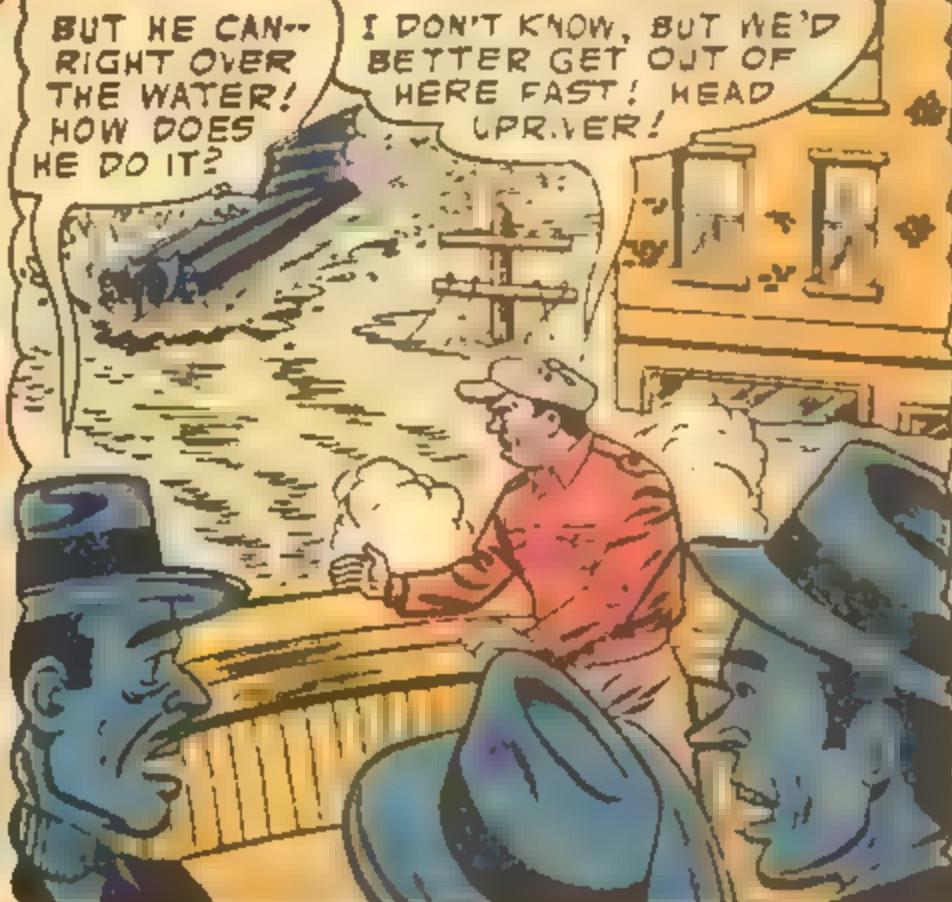
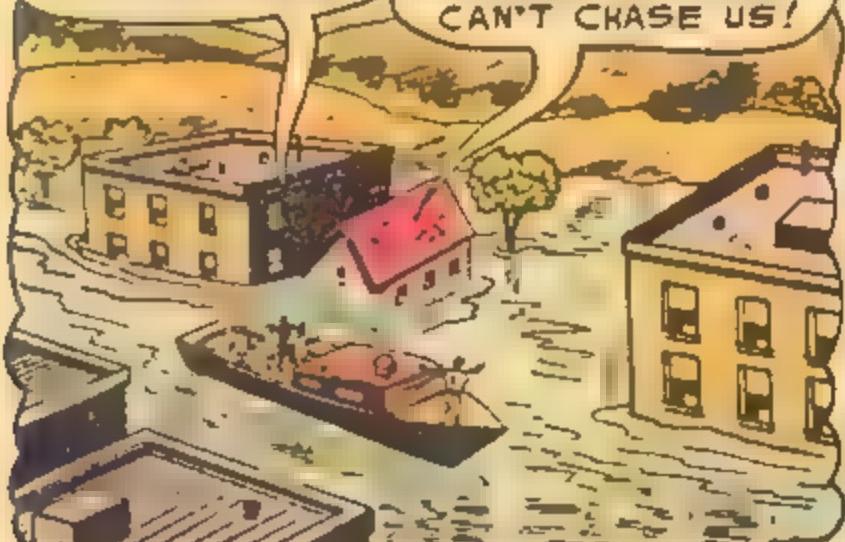
"THIS 'DUCK' CHASSIS, WHICH CAN MOVE ON LAND OR WATER, OUGHT TO HELP US PATROL THAT FLOODED VALLEY!"



"IT WAS WELL WE'D HAD SUCH EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT READY--BECAUSE SHORTLY AFTERWARD, IN THE STRICKEN AREA..."

"WE CAN GET RICH PICKINGS! PEOPLE RAN AWAY FROM THE FLOOD SO FAST, THEY LEFT PLENTY OF VALUABLES!"

"THERE'S THE BATMOBILE COMING DOWN INTO THE VALLEY! HA, HA,-- THIS IS ONE TIME BATMAN CAN'T CHASE US!"

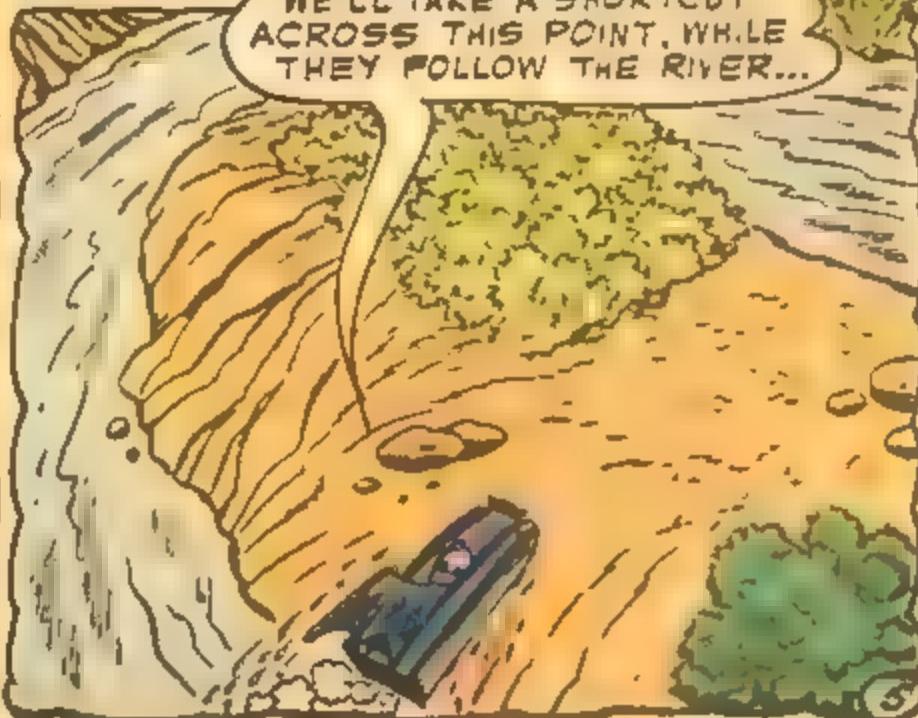


"ON THE WATER, THIS SPEEDBOAT IS FASTER THAN THEIR BATMOBILE, NO MATTER HOW THEY'VE GOT IT FIXED! WE'RE LEAVING THEM BEHIND!"



"SENSING THEIR STRATEGY, I CHANGED OUR TACTICS..."

"WE'LL TAKE A SHORTCUT ACROSS THIS POINT, WHILE THEY FOLLOW THE RIVER..."





BATMAN



"AND THANKS TO THE FACT THAT WE COULD RUN OVER DIRT, SAND OR WATER, WE WERE SOON WAITING FOR THEM!"

THEY GOT HERE AHEAD OF US. BUT HOW? THEY NEVER FRAZZLED SO CLOSELY."

"YOU'LL HAVE A NICE LONG TIME IN JAIL TO FIGURE THAT!"

HMM... THIS IS THE TYPE OF THE BATMOBILE... THESE OTHER CONFIRMS IT'S THE BATMOBILE! NOW I KNOW WHAT BATMAN'S FEATS HE'S WRITTEN ABOUT..."



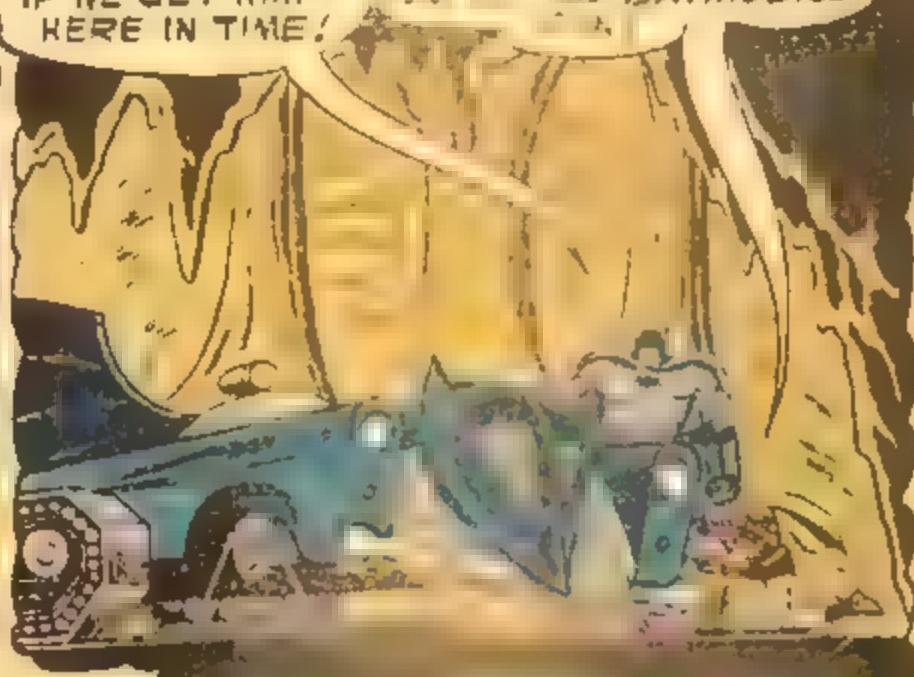
"DEEP SNOW CAN IMMOBILIZE EVEN THE MOST POWERFUL CAR--AND OF RECENTLY..."

LOCATED JOHN BLAIR, MOUNTAIN VILLAGE IS SNOWED IN--IN THE GREAT BLIZZARD! HE'S BEEN TRAPPED SINCE

BUT THAT IS SNOWED IN--AND IN THIS BLIZZARD, EVEN A HELICOPTER CAN'T FLY!"

"THAT'S WHY WE KEEP AN EMERGENCY SNOWMOBILE AT THE ready..."

BLAIR'S EVIDENCE HAS GOT INTO HOLDUP FOR DAYS--PUT ANYTHING CAN THE BATMOBILE HERE IN TIME!"



"ROBIN WAS RIGHT, AS A FEW HOURS LATER..."

THAT SNOW-SLED JUST MISSED ME. BUT THERE'S THE VILLAGE, AT LAST!"

NOW TO FIND BLAIR!"



"PRESENTLY, IN THE SITTING ROOM..."

I WAS TRYING TO AND KNEW ALL OF THE TRAIL--BUT I CAN TEST THAT GUY'S INNOCENCE!"

FINE--WE'LL GET YOU DOWN TO GOTHAM CITY FAST!"





BATMAN



BUT NATURE INTERPOSED A BARRIER THAT
SEENED TOO MUCH FOR EVEN THE **BATMOBILE**
TO PASS..."

LOOK OUT--AN
ICE AVALANCHE!

I BACKED JUST IN TIME
BUT IT'S BLOCKED THE
ROAD!

"TRAPPED BY THE ICE-BARRIER, AND WITH
TIME RUNNING OUT, WE PINNED OUR FAITH
ON THE **BATMOBILE'S** MASSIVE STRENGTH."

OUR ONLY CHANCE TO
GET BACK IN TIME IS
TO CRASH THROUGH THAT
ICE-BLOCK! AND THIS
BATTERING-RAM ON
THE FRONT SHOULD
HELP!

BUT AS WE HURLED OUR JUGGERNAUT-
BATMOBILE AT THE BARRIER WITH FULL
FORCE...

WE'RE THROUGH!
BUT THE CRASH
DAMAGED OUR
MOTOR BADLY,
BATMAN!

IT SHOULD KEEP GOING
LONG ENOUGH TO GET TO
GOTHAM CITY... THE RIDE'S
DOWNGRADE ALL THE DAY!
WE'LL GET BLAIR TO THAT
TRAIL IN TIME!

THUS ENDS THE LATEST INSTALLMENT--
WHILE BACK IN THE **BAT-CAVE**...

WE GOT BLAIR TO THE
TRAIL ALL RIGHT, BUT
WHAT MY STORY DIDN'T
TELL WAS HOW THE
BATMOBILE'S
MOTOR WAS TERRIBLY
DAMAGED IN THAT
CRASH!

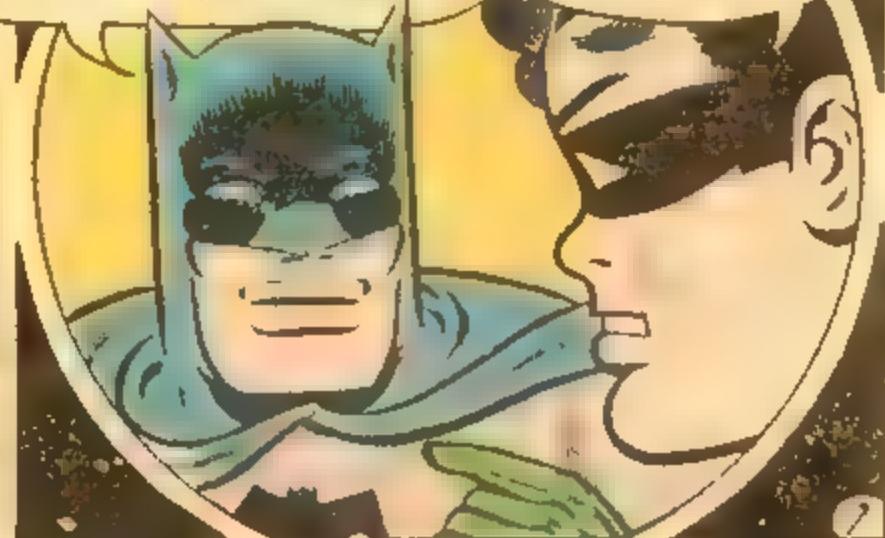
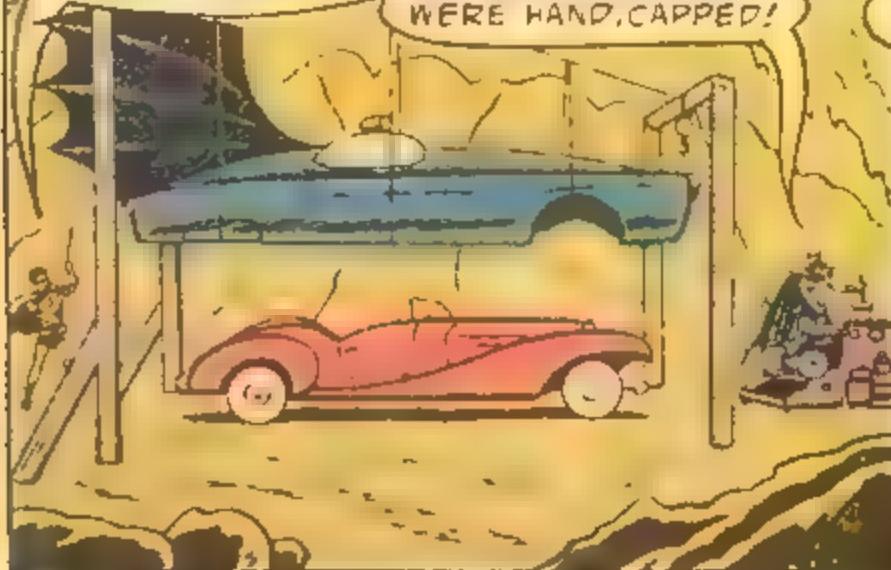
AND WE'VE BEEN
LABORING EVER
SINCE TO REPAIR
IT! BUT NOW THE
JOB'S FINISHED, AND
WE CAN PUT THE
BODY BACK ON!

BRUCE WAYNE'S SPORT-
CAR, WITH THE **BATMOBILE'S**
BODY OVER IT, MADE A FAIR
IMITATION-- BUT WITHOUT
THE SPEED OF THE
REAL THING!

IT WAS THE
ONLY THING WE
COULD DO, SINCE
WE COULDN'T LET
THE UNDERWORLD
KNOW HOW WE
WERE HAND-CAPPED!

BUT VICKI'S PICTURE
SHOWED THE **MOTOR-**
NUMBER UNDERNEATH
OUR PHONY BATMOBILE!
THAT NUMBER COULD BE
TRACED TO BRUCE WAYNE,
AND EXPOSE MY IDENTITY!

WE'LL HAVE TO GET
THAT PICTURE AWAY
FROM HER SOME-
HOW-- BUT FIRST
THERE'S THE
RACER TO
DEAL WITH!





BATMAN



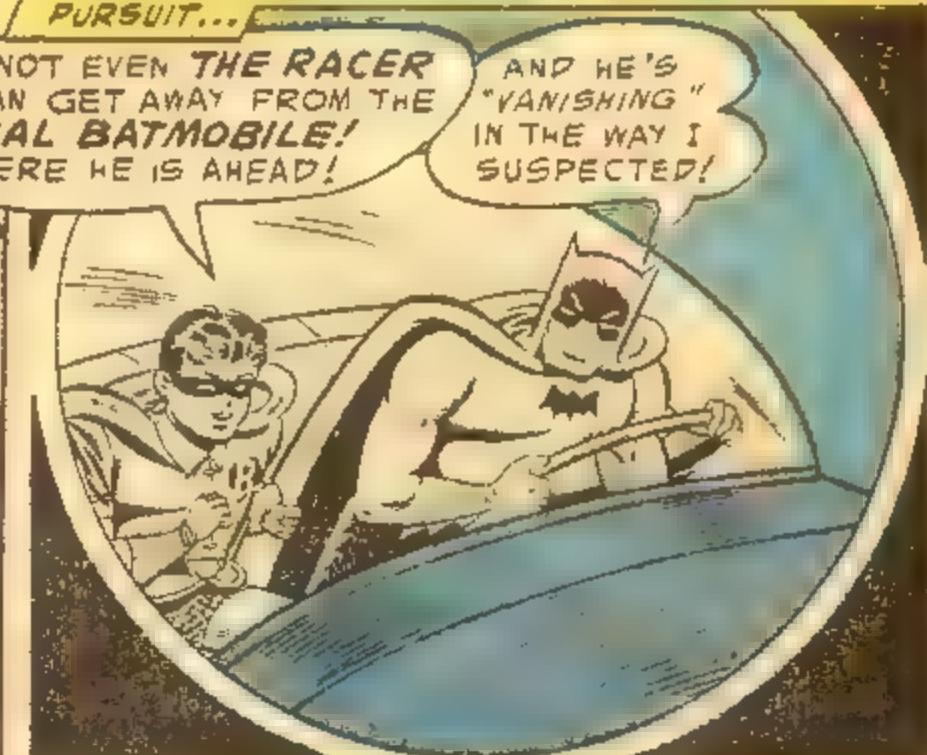
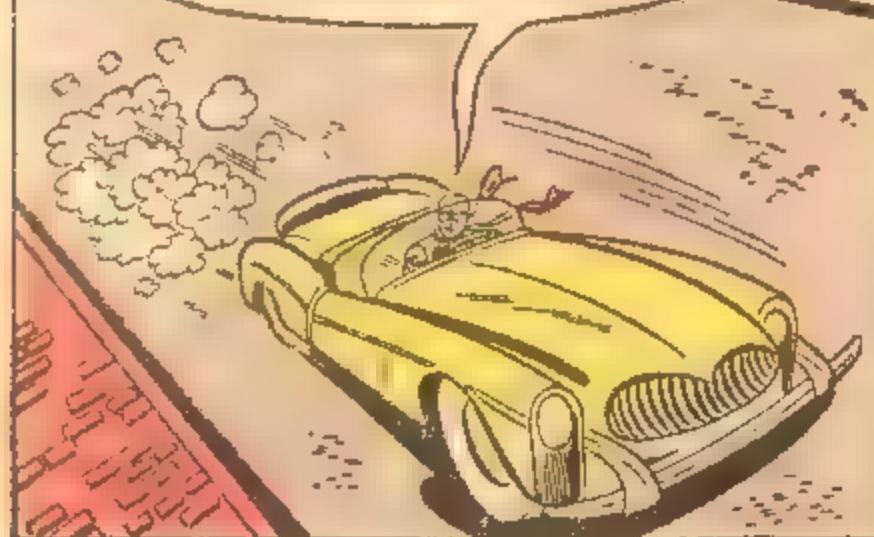
AND SOON, WHEN A CONFIDENT HIGH-SPEED
THEF TRIES ANOTHER FAST GETAWAY...

BUT THIS TIME, IT'S NO IMITATION VEHICLE IN
PURSUIT...

HA, HA--THEIR MUCH-ADVERTISED
BATMOBILE JUST CAN'T KEEP
UP WITH ME! I'LL GIVE THEM THE
SLIP AND DROP OUT OF SIGHT
IN THE USUAL WAY!

NOT EVEN **THE RACER**
CAN GET AWAY FROM THE
REAL BATMOBILE!
THERE HE IS AHEAD!

AND HE'S
"VANISHING"
IN THE WAY I
SUSPECTED!



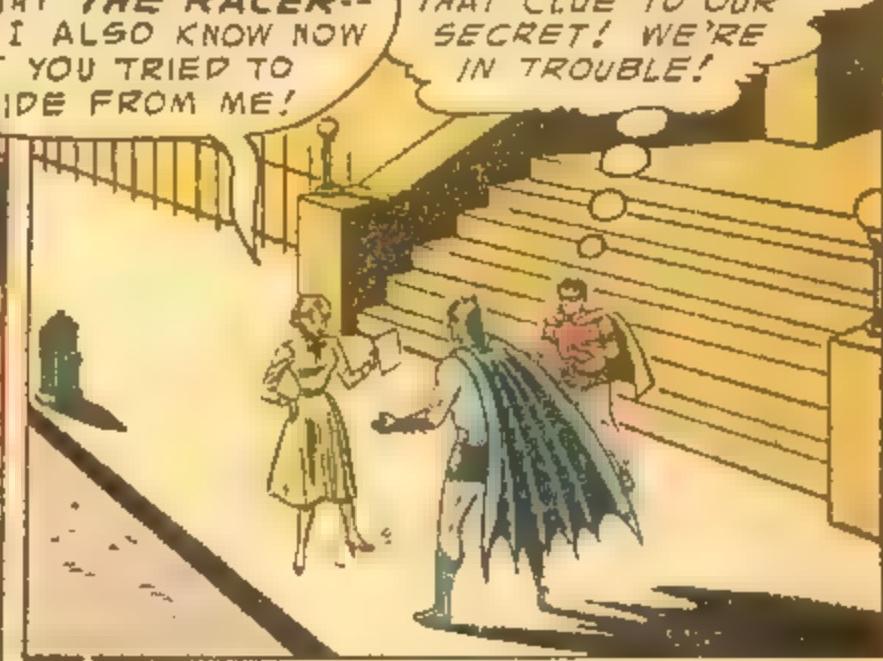
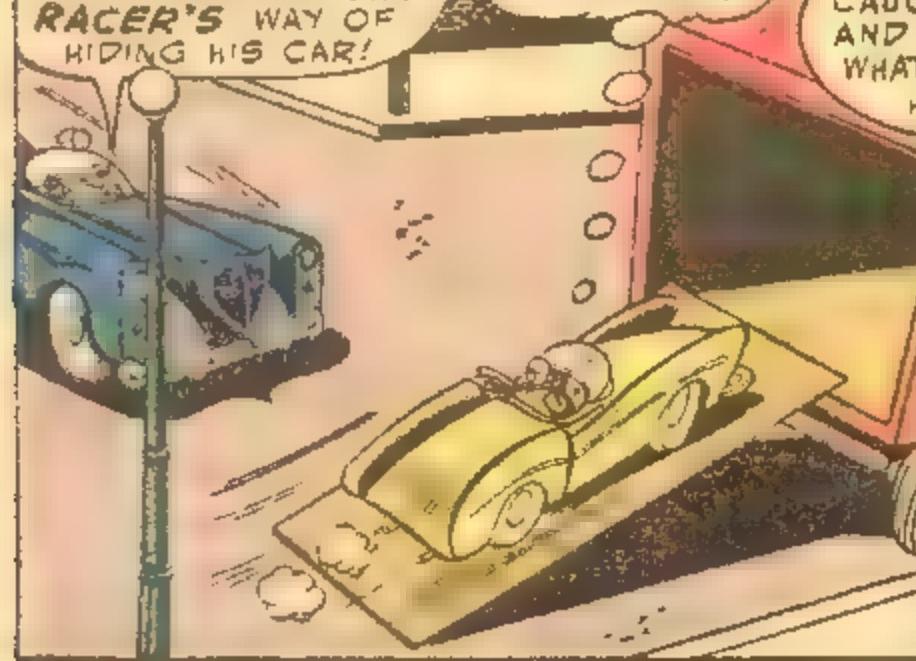
RACING-CARS ARE
OFTEN SHIPPED IN
BIG VANS LIKE THIS...
WHICH EXPLAINS THE
RACER'S WAY OF
HIDING HIS CAR!

BATMAN OVERTOOK
ME! IT CAN'T BE...
BUT IT IS!

I'M SUNK!

YES, I KNOW YOU
CAUGHT **THE RACER**--
AND I ALSO KNOW NOW
WHAT YOU TRIED TO
HIDE FROM ME!

BUT **BATMAN'S** TROUBLES HAVEN'T ENDED
YET--FOR AWHILE LATER...
OH, OH-- SHE'S SPOTTED
THAT CLUE TO OUR
SECRET! WE'RE
IN TROUBLE!

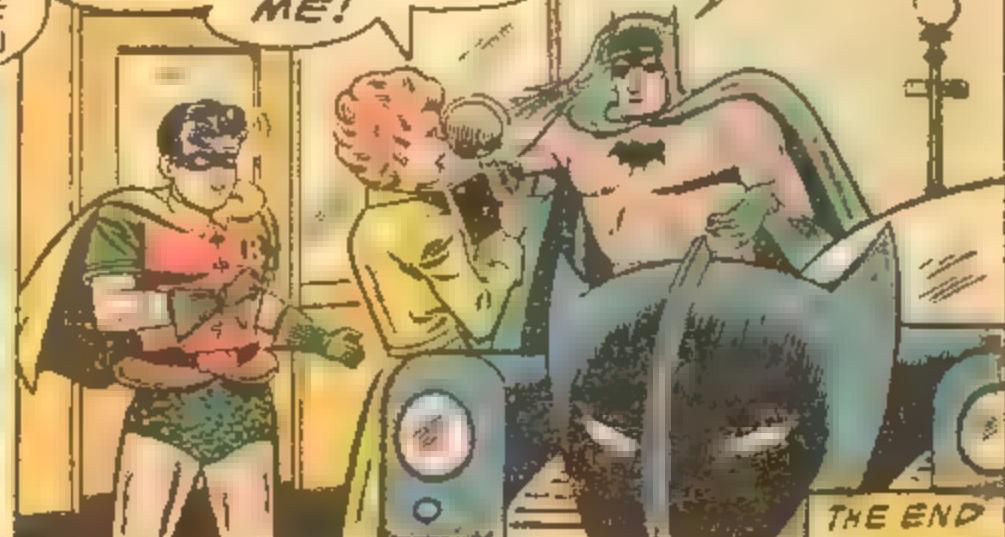


I COMPARED MY
PICTURE TO OLD
PICTURES OF THE
BATMOBILE--
AND IT WAS A
FAKE YOU WERE
USING THAT NIGHT!
YOU KNEW MY
PICTURE WASN'T
ANY GOOD!

ER--SORRY, VICKI,
BUT WE HAVE THE
REAL ONE GOING
AGAIN! GIVE ME
BACK THE NEGATIVE
AND PRINT OF YOUR
PICTURE, AND I'LL
POSE THE **BATMOBILE**
FOR ALL THE SHOTS YOU
WANT!

AND SO, THE FOLLOWING MORNING,
NOW THAT I'VE GIVEN YOU BACK
THAT WORTHLESS PICTURE OF
YOUR **IMITATION BATMOBILE**,
YOU CAN POSE THE REAL ONE
FOR ME ALL DAY! YOU'LL
LEARN YOU CAN'T FOOL
ME!

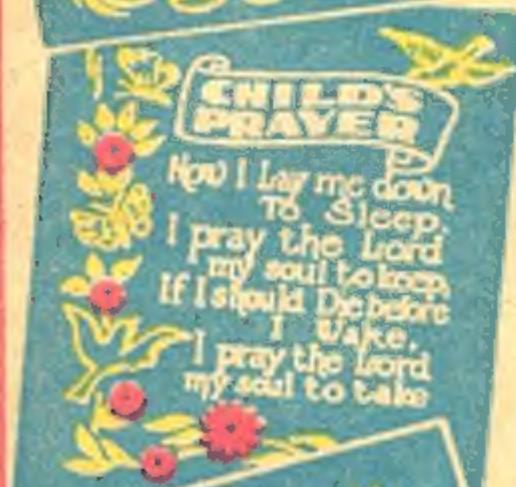
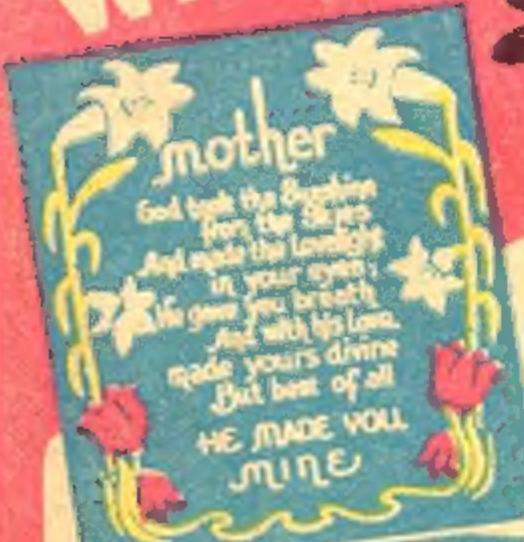
I GUESS
YOU'RE RIGHT--
YOU'RE JUST
TOO SHARP
FOR US, VICKI!



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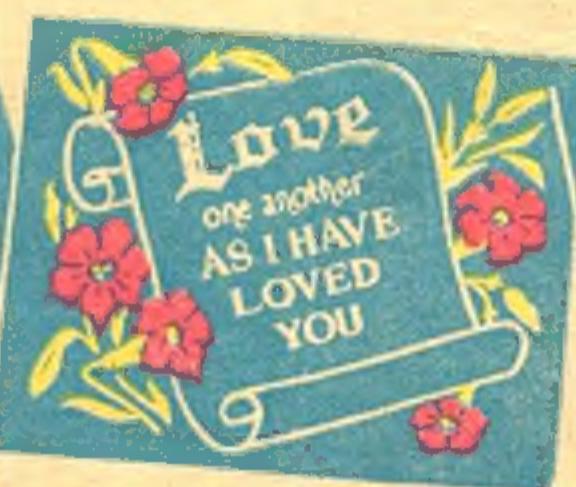
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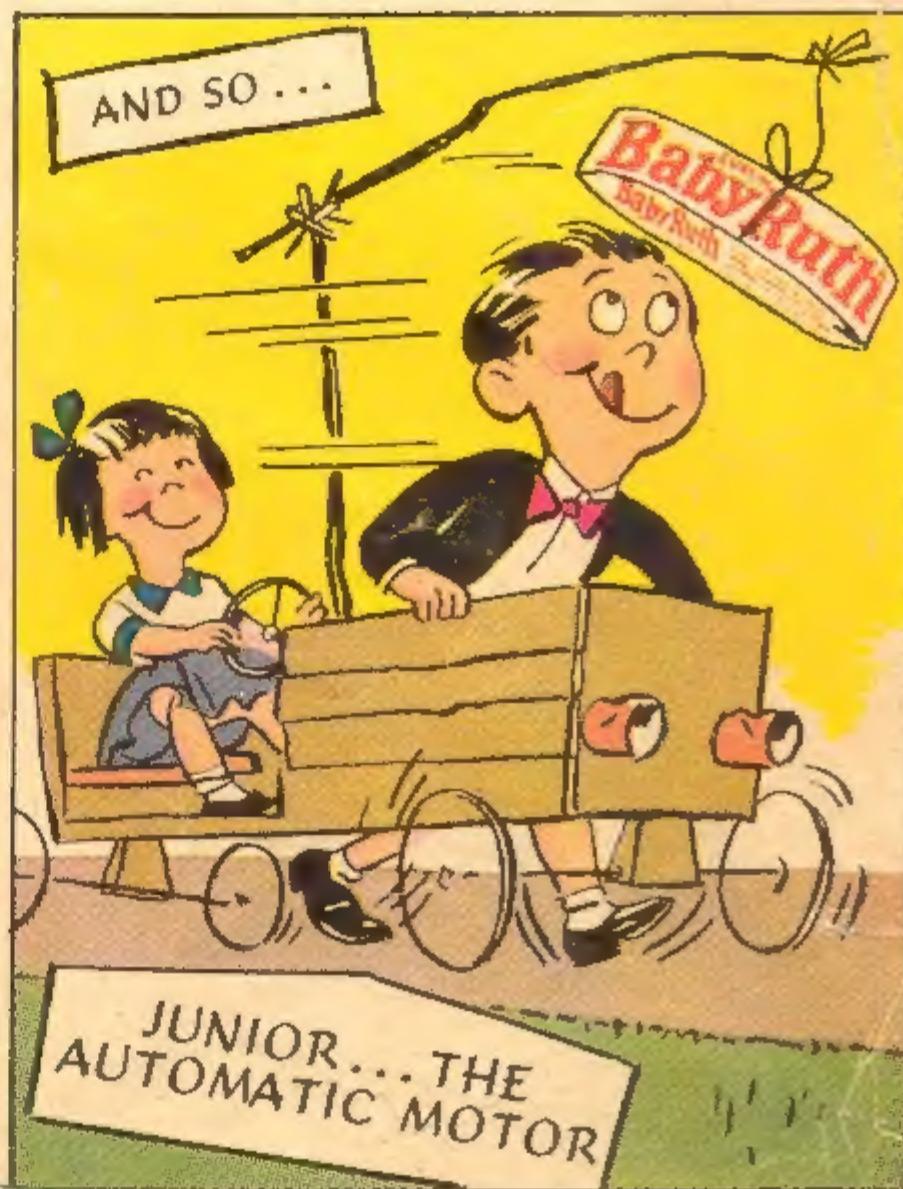
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